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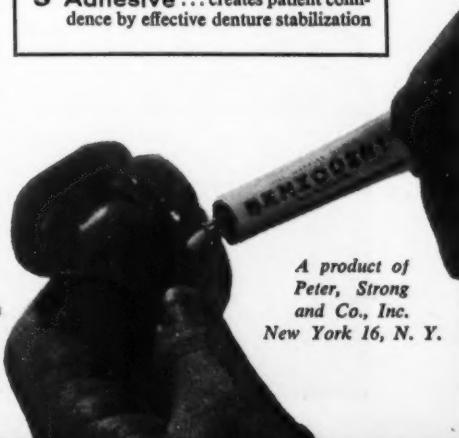
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THE *President's* PAGE

May We Present—Your New President, Mary Francis Dutton

The following are excerpts from a message written by Mary Francis which was read at the Installation Service in Atlantic City.

This is the twenty-second time in thirty-two years that the American Dental Assistants Association has elected a president, but, I dare say, the first time that one has been installed in absentia. You will recall that in 1950 when I was elected Trustee of my District, the convention was held in Atlantic City—the city where Miss America, the symbol of youth, beauty, brains and charms, excites and fascinates the populace of this fair country of ours. Could it be that I am so lacking in these "Miss America qualities" that circumstances prevented me twice from attending our convention when it meets in Atlantic City? At any rate, it sometimes seems to me that—

"From first-cut tooth to man-made denture
Play-pen to final venture
Initial kiss to the last romance
We are blown by the wind of circumstance."

Tonight I could be a most despairing soul, feeling that I have been shut out in an awful storm, but I will not. It is true that circumstances, over which I have no control, (circumstances which have at times, almost made my heart stand still) have kept me from participating in the high moments that accompany the installation ceremonies. The remembrance of the occasion would, I know, live long and be a source of joyous encouragement to me when we have returned to our respective places and begun the day-by-day duties without the frills and the friendliness that furnishes the convention-goer with the thrill of a lifetime, but for that I will not grieve.

Friends, it is a serious responsibility to accept the honor of being president of the American Dental Assistants Association. It is with fearless faith and undaunted courage that I accept the challenge of this opportunity and obligation. At the same time, I want to make a bargain with you.

We must in this coming year, ADVANCE! Advance in a substantial gain in membership. Think of it—recent figures tell us that the American Dental Association has a membership of more than 85,000, and we only have a membership of 8,475, and it has been estimated that there are 55,000 dental assistants in the United States. Is this not a challenge? We must in this coming year ADVANCE! Advance our educational program. Never have we had the opportunity that we have now.

So, if you will promise to do what you can toward reaching these two goals, I'll promise to preserve as best I can our American Dental Assistants ideals of Education, Efficiency, Loyalty and Service.

To that end, I make you, as humbly as I know how, a new and complete dedica-



tion of all that I am or hope to be that the American Dental Assistants Association will ADVANCE numerically, educationaly and professionally to its rightful place in which we live.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Critical illness in Mary Francis' family prevented her from attending the convention in Atlantic City. Her message to us was so inspiring we chose to bring you excerpts from it for her first official message to the membership through the President's Page.

Retiring President's Address

Opportunities—Now and Later

By BESSIE PETERSON

We have come to Atlantic City, famous for its Boardwalk, to conclude another chapter in the History of the American Dental Assistants Association. It is well to look back briefly, and review some of the earlier chapters in our History, in tribute to our predecessors. Surely these women who were the pioneers of our Association, had great foresight, when they laid the foundation of our organization, selecting Education, Efficiency, Loyalty, and Service as the motto.

The prime object of our Association, from its very beginning, has been Education. Our Founder, Juliette A. Southard, was aware that progress made by any group, is always made through higher education. In years that followed, others have had foresight and have contributed much to our progress, by painstakingly working to establish the Extension Study Course, with which we have all become familiar. This course has provided opportunity for advancing the education of countless numbers of dental assistants. The ever growing number of Certified Dental Assistants is evidence that it is the desire of dental assistants to take advantage of every opportunity to better prepare themselves for their place in the dental field. We are proud to have a place of dignity in the Dental profession, that gives us an opportunity to contribute to the health and welfare of our fellowmen, but we must not be satisfied with what has been attained. We want to be ready to use each opportunity that we may have, to provide greater educational advantages for dental assistants in the future.

Our ultimate goal is to establish formal training for dental assistants in recognized schools. In recent years we have seen progress made toward this goal, with a number of schools offering courses in dental assisting, which have been approved by our Association. Now through the efforts of our Committee on Education, and the interest and cooperation of the American Dental Association, Committee on Dental Education, we may feel assured that the door of OPPORTUNITY is opening on a new era of educational advantages for dental assistants.

Every one sitting in this room is taking advantage of their opportunity to broaden their knowledge by attending this Thirty-second Annual ADAA Meeting. You will acquire helpful information that you will put to use to increase your efficiency, in performing your duties at your office, and you will take back ideas that will be useful in your local and state associations.

We will use our opportunities now, that there may be more and greater opportunities later.

Looking Forward

From

Atlantic City

By VIOLET L. CROWLEY

Reporting the Thirty-Second Annual
A.D.A.A. Session

From the minute the Good Ship ADAA steamed into the Atlantic City harbor until it departed almost a week later, a wave of enthusiasm and excitement gripped this interesting city with the holiday look. First and foremost, there was work to be done and lots of it, but our gracious hostesses saw to it that there was also fun and entertainment for all who had come for a five-day shore leave. Arrangements were so perfectly planned and timed by Chairman, Alice Eder, Co-Chairman, Ruth Doring and the members of convention committees, that every minute from the early morning hours until late into the night was filled —jam packed with excitement.

For this reporter the frenzied pace started prior to the actual opening of the convention. She arrived on Thursday via air, before the ship docked, and as Hurricane Flossy was having her last fling along the eastern coast before heading inland to wear herself out. And the pace continued for her until the following Friday, when the grand finale was a final stroll down the boardwalk.

The weather had been clear and beautiful through the week, but on Friday it was raining again. This time a slow gentle rainfall, which seemed in keeping with the hushed stillness that settles over a convention city when almost everyone has departed—some via long holiday de-



tours—some speeding directly homeward. Perhaps you are thinking, "What a depressing experience." Instead, your reporter found it a tonic that was needed to start the mental processes working again—a process necessary to enable her to concentrate on the report she is anxious to bring our readers who could not be with us in convention city.

The sound and feel of the gently falling rain, the good smell of the air with a sting of salt in it was invigorating and seemed to produce a healing magic for a somewhat weary body and mind.

As she strolled along, stopping occasionally to watch the rolling waves, each seeming to whisper a message, there was time for recapitulation. In those few minutes scenes of the past week were re-lived, moments of delight re-captured, issues reviewed, and mistakes perhaps magnified. There were questions too—had her choices in course of action, and in dealings with others all been fair and wise ones, was there cause for regret? There was wishing—that we could turn back the calendar and re-live the events of the past week in slow motion, when minds would be clearer and there would be more time for consideration. In reality, perhaps the deepest regret was that, as all good things must, another convention had come to an end.

Suddenly the thought... LET'S LOOK

FORWARD FROM ATLANTIC CITY IN 1956! We will look backward, too—and in looking back we will remember such things as the friendly assistants we met from all over this land of ours—the words we heard spoken both in social gatherings and in business sessions—the things we saw in convention city that interested us, but, most of all, we will **LOOK FORWARD** with the word **ADVANCE**, which has taken on a new and greater meaning for us, foremost in our minds.

Again as all good things must, this pleasant experience had come to an end. Back in her hotel room a few hours later your reporter had written the following lead story to this convention report. We hope it will give you who stayed at home a glimpse of what those who attended have to look back on, and more so that it will inspire you to join us in our **FORWARD LOOK FROM ATLANTIC CITY IN 1956.**

Work and Play For All

For the Officers, Trustees, Certification Board members, committee members, delegates, and yes, the employees there was work to be done in these few days. None so designated can consider the days at an annual meeting, holidays. There is little time free for fun and relaxation, but each accepts this responsibility and performs her duties faithfully and cheerfully. That's why a national meeting is possible—why it moves smoothly through each session and each day. You can be sure every one of the willing workers finds a great deal of satisfaction in the knowledge that her efforts have contributed something to the success of the meeting, which is held in the interest of **ADVANCING** the ADAA, and for the betterment of its 8,475 members. It was obvious that all who had come quickly caught the tempo and swung into the spirit of the week. They seized every opportunity—eagerly they got acquainted—devotedly they attended business sessions—gayly they attended the pre-arranged social affairs. Some found time

for shopping sprees, and surely everyone found time to join the throngs in a stroll down 'Timber Highway'—better known as the Boardwalk. This internationally known promenade, used by fifteen million visitors annually, is eight miles long and, at places, sixty feet wide. The present one stands today as a proud monument to those who championed its original construction back in 1870. This fourth one, more sturdily built than its three predecessors, was dedicated on May 10, 1890. A visitor strolling along it seems to get the feeling that rather than its being built by the sea, the sea was carefully placed in front of it.

Lest you gain the impression that the famed broadwalk is the only attraction Atlantic City has to offer its visitors, we hasten to tell you more.

There were many other places and points of interest to visit in convention city. They saw the world's largest convention hall; visited the various places of historic fame; viewed the beautiful and numerous hotels that align the broadwalk; dined in the excellent restaurants; and danced at the clubs which present fabulous names of the show world. Many could tell you better than can this reporter what the world looks like through the eyes of an elephant, as they found time to visit the Margate Elephant, 65 feet high and constructed of wood covered with tin, which has been standing at 9100 Cedar Grove Avenue with its windowed eyes looking out at the Atlantic since 1882. It is the only structure of its type in the world they tell us, and nobody seems to know why it was built, but legend has it that at one time people lived in it. Our hostesses made certain that we had an opportunity to sample the fabulous salt water taffy, Atlantic City's most popular souvenir. Mr. Joseph Fralinger started marketing it from his confectionary establishment way back in the early eighties, and it has become as much a part of Atlantic City as the ocean that helped to build its fame. Delicious too!!

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the most famed of all events on this resort's calendar is the annual Miss America Pageant. A handsomely staged, dazzling show for which the cream of America's beautiful and talented young womanhood gather to vie for the coveted title and crown of "Miss America" for the year. While we can hardly compare our "Miss ADAA Pageant," held there October 1-4, to this pageant for many reasons, we rather suspect that those dates will be red letter days for some time to come on the calendar's of many of the 391 members and guests who gathered there—just as the loveliest of American womanhood have done since the year 1921. While no one went away with a crown, or a scholarship and gifts estimated to be worth \$50,000.00 or even \$5,000.00, we are

certain that many carried home some treasure—in heart if not in hand—that she will cherish always.

Scattered throughout the report on the following pages you will hear more about the many courtesies extended us by our hostesses—the New Jersey and New York (Second District) members. It was a very well planned and well executed meeting—it didn't "just happen." We were welcomed most heartily, entertained most lavishly, and assisted so capably in our business arrangements.

We take this opportunity to express, in behalf of the officers and all members, our sincere thanks to every member whose efforts made our shore leave so worthwhile and enjoyable.

Reporting from the American Dental Assistants Certification Board, Inc.

Results of Certification Examinations held from June 1 to September 20, 1956.

STATE	NO. EXAMINED	NO. PASSING	NO. FAILING
Rhode Island	15	10	5
North Dakota	3	3	
New Jersey	5	5	
Maryland	1	1	
Illinois	20	17	3
Alabama	18	16	2
Oklahoma	17	17	

The following state examinations were reported in the July-August issue, without results.

Iowa	14	13	1
Montana	11	10	1
Virginia	5	5	
Kansas	12	10	2
New York	21	17	4
Indiana	5	4	1
Maryland	17	17	
Ohio	12	12	
Washington, D. C.	9	9	
Florida	35	22	13

All Certified members whose names or addresses have been changed since the last directory was issued in 1955 should notify the Executive Secretary of the American Dental Assistants Certification Board, Inc., Annette Stoker, 103 Midland Ave., Glen Ridge, New Jersey not later than December 31, 1957.

ANNA CAREY, Retiring Secretary.

The General Meeting



"Greetings, and a cordial welcome to you and all members to Atlantic City — America's Capital of Business and Pleasure," says Corinne Kernes, (left) President of New Jersey Assistants Association.

From Virginia Hoffman (right) ADAA Third Vice President — "In behalf of the Officers of the ADAA and all members I say thanks for your hospitality, we are happy to be here."

Our capable President-elect, Mary Francis Dutton from way down south in Dixie, who served as Program Chairman last year, was unable to be with us for the meeting due to critical illness in her family. In spite of her many problems throughout the year she arranged for us an outstanding program for this session.

The first on this schedule, The General Meeting, was called to order by President Bessie Peterson at 9 a.m., Monday, October 1. After greetings from the President and the Invocation by Reverend Harvey Bennett, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Atlantic City, N. J., Official Flag Lady, Helen Fitting, led us in reciting the Pledge to the Flag. At the close of the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" we were officially welcomed, and most cordially so, to Atlantic City by Dr. Alfred W. Nelson, President of the New Jersey Dental Association. Corinne Kernes, President of the New Jersey

Dental Assistants Association, extended a welcome to all, and presented President Peterson with a key to The House of Life—quoting Corinne, "May this key make every doorway an open passageway to life for you, Bessie." Life Member Robina A. McCurdo of New York read the names of the of the Life members, introducing those who were with us for the meeting. Three members with records of membership of over twenty-five years were present. Helen Fitting, 32 years; Robina McCurdo, 32 years, and Marie S. Shaw, 30 years. We now have 36 life members. 2 were accepted in this honored group in the past year.

Many well chosen words were spoken by various people, from the platform and in group assemblies, during the week. They spoke of friendship, of service, of administrative affairs, of education and many other things related to our association and vocation. It is impossible for us to tell you about all of them in this report, but it is possible for us to bring to our readers excerpts from the speeches, and to introduce the speakers to you, pictorially. (See next two pages).



First Vice-President, Magdalene Kulstad substitutes for Program Chairman Dutton.



Good Will in Business

Mr. Clarence N. Walker
Executive Staff Representative
The Coca-Cola Company
Atlanta, Georgia

Today good public relations should be thought of as management at its best—new thinking; self analysis; a new philosophy of management. It is a positive and dynamic activity which pulsates through the "life-blood" of your business organization as a fundamental operating philosophy. It involves every person connected with the organization, directly and indirectly. Simply stated, it is getting along with people, beginning with each individual and how he or she gets along with others. Public relations is "a way of life"—a way of doing business—getting along with those in the organization and those outside. Your business success will ultimately be measured by the quality of your products, the character of your services, and the extent to which you successfully hold old friends, make new friends, and get along with people.

In all your relationships are you living up to the principles of the Golden Rule? Do you measure up to proper standards and tests? Does your definition for today—your philosophy of management, all that you think say and do, meet the standards of the following four-way test?

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendship?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Walker was a forceful and dynamic speaker—his interjections in a humorous vein, added interest after interest, then brought laughter and applause and certainly held the attention of his audience. One statement I want to add to the above excerpts is his remark, "If you don't love your work, don't quit, learn to love it and stay with it."



The Important Duties Beyond Routine

LORETTA PARRY, President
Ontario Dental Nurses and
Assistants Association

It takes more than good dentistry to develop a successful practice; and it is here that the valued dental assistant assumes her role in maintaining the best relationship between her employer and his patients. And how should she play this all important role?

1. **WITH DIGNITY AND TACT**—A competent dental assistant adds prestige and refinement to a dental office. In manner and speech she should be quiet and thoughtful. And above all she must be kind.

2. **CO-OPERATION**—A good dental assistant does not work for the doctor but with him. They are a team working toward the same goal. The dental assistant must adapt her mood to that of the dentist and the patient and effect the atmosphere of a smooth-running office.

3. **ENTHUSIASM AND INITIATIVE**—A successful dental assistant should like her work and be convinced of the importance of doing it well. She should be alert to new and better ways of doing that work and so relieve the doctor of as much of the business details as possible; thus conserving his time for the professional side of his practice.

Through your good will and loyalty you strengthen your doctor's position with his patients and thus become a practice builder for him. In short, the successful dental assistant is dignified, capable, co-operative, enjoys her work and is constantly trying to improve her ability and widen her scope of knowledge in order to be of more service to her doctor. Add to this sympathy, understanding, kindness and ability to deal with others and she becomes a diplomat and a jewel of great value.



A Philosophy of the Practice of Dentistry—

What the Mind Can Conceive and Believe It Can Achieve

Dr. L. D. Pankey,
Coral Gables, Florida

MAGIC OF GIVING— NOTHING LESS THAN YOUR BEST

Success is such a personal matter. It seems that one makes his success rules as he goes along.

But in every endeavor, in every walk of life, there is one philosophy of living which will give those who embrace it, not only success in the narrow acceptance of the word—but in a much wider acceptance in the form of self-satisfaction.

In a world where there are so many "60% people," in fact so many 20, 30, 40% people, any man who sets a mark of 100% is bound to achieve.

Take the matter of dentistry. Those who try to "do unto others as you would have them do unto you"—to give 100% dentistry and have good patient public relations will have no difficulty in winning friends, support, and success.

But self-satisfaction which comes of the knowledge that you are doing your best—that is the chief reward for those who follow the magic of this plan.

There is no pleasure, satisfaction, or pride in slipshod work—only in work that is one's best.

And, it is easier to be a 100 percenter than a 50 percenter. There is so little competition.**

Whatsoever ye want, oh discontented man, step up, pay the price, and take it.

*Napoleon Hill

**Adapted from a bulletin of Charles B. Roth & Associates



Opportunities— Now and Later

**BESSIE PETERSON, Retiring President
American Dental Assistants Association**

The retiring President's address appears in its entirety in this issue—so excerpts do not appear here.

We use this space to pay tribute to Bessie, who by now has assumed the role of Immediate Past President of the ADAA.

There is much that can be said in praise of Bessie's performance in the role of our leader for the past year. In her acceptance of the office at the San Francisco meeting she told us that she had chosen as her theme, "Opportunity." She asked that each of us watch for our opportunities to increase our efficiency and loyalty to the association and the vocation. It was obvious from the beginning that as our leader she too would grasp every opportunity to promote the aims and objects of our association. From the beginning to the end of her tenure of office she has proceeded in a calm and wise manner. She was able to promote increased harmony and team work among the component societies. She was a gracious and charming guest at the various state meetings she attended, along with her charm she brought information and messages from the parent group that provided assistance and inspiration. Her final official duty—that of presiding at the annual meeting—was done in the same smooth, efficient manner. We pay tribute to our retiring President, and extend sincere thanks for her excellent performance as our leader of the past year.

Action of the Governing Body

THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Only one body in the ADAA can make or amend the rules of the association—the House of Delegates at the annual session. The voting body at this session at Atlantic City consisted of 182 people; nine Officers, 11 Trustees, and 162 Delegates.

Following is a résumé of the action taken by this body at the sessions held during this thirty-second annual meeting.

FIRST SESSION

With President Peterson presiding the first house of delegates' session was called to order on Monday afternoon at 2:30.

The official program was adopted as presented by First Vice-President Magdalene Kulstad.

The following Reference Committees were appointed:

Reference Committees For 1956 House of Delegates

Recommendations Committee: Chairman, Olive Steinbeck; Helen Eaton, Northern California; Laura Jordan, Arizona.

Resolutions Committee: Chairman, Alicia King; Alice Eder, New Jersey; Sue Allison, Washington, D. C.

Awards Committee: Chairman, Mary Ann Whalley; Irene Jarvis, New Hampshire; Edna Zedaker, North Carolina.

Elections Committee: Chairman, Lois Kryger; Jean Snyder, Pennsylvania; Viola Spence, Texas.

One Teller from Each District: First, Dorothea Dowling, Connecticut; Second, Muriel Burnett, New York; Third, Mildred Frederick, Pennsylvania; Fourth, Mary Price, Georgia; Fifth, Edna Snelson, Tennessee; Sixth, Lucille Hill, Indiana; Seventh, Peggy Stevenson, Iowa; Eighth, Jean Haden, Arkansas; Ninth, Alice Schindler, Washington; Tenth, Betty Jane Armagast, Colorado; Eleventh, Rose McIlvaine, Southern California.

Announcement of the board's election of the five members to serve as the members of the 1957 Nominating Committee was as follows: Alicia King, Third District Trustee (Pennsylvania), Chairman; Ruth Doring, Past President (New Jersey); Ruth Collins, from the House of Delegates (Southern California); Alice Eder, from the House of Delegates (New Jersey); Evelyn Brett, from the Certification Board (Pennsylvania).

Report from the Credentials Committee: Registration at 2 p.m., 371. The reports of the ADAA Officers and Committee Chairman had been mimeographed and distributed to the delegates, therefore, no reports were given orally. However, all Officers and Trustees and Committee Chairman were introduced. Several had additional information to add to the mimeographed reports. Certification Board Chairman, Corinne Dubuc, presented the members of this board, and Violet L. Crowley introduced the members of the staff of **THE DENTAL ASSISTANT**.

LeVeta Lehn, Chairman of the Nominating Committee introduced the candidates for ADAA offices (as appeared in the pre-convention report in the journal) in order that the delegates could become acquainted with them. Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, Lillian Hoffman, explained to the delegates the reasons for the recommendation by the board for an increase of two dollars per annum in the ADAA membership dues. Lillian was superb in this explanation. It was very obvious that much time and thought had been given to this by the chairman and her committee members before it was presented to the board of trustees, who in turn presented the recommendation.

This committee to be commended for its efficient and conscientious handling

of the association's funds; for their careful study of the present financial status, and their insight into the future problems and responsibilities. Every member can be confident that the amount she pays in dues will be carefully allocated to the various phases of the ADAA operations, and will be used to promote progress in the ADAA, in and for the best interests of dental assistants.

Treasurer Darling pointed out the fact that dues received after November 1 are credited to the unsung year (in this case, 1957). Joy Phillips, Chairman of the Juliette A. Southard Relief Fund Committee, explained the purpose of this fund. Mary Haney, Past President and a member of the Budget and Finance Committee, pointed out the fact that none of the Officers or Trustees receive complete remuneration for the expenses incurred in the pursuit of their duties, and that some persons serving on important and heavy committees receive no financial assistance. Editor Crowley explained briefly the problems facing the journal staff in adopting standards to govern the sale of advertising that will conform with the standards for the American Dental Association. Lillian asked the delegates to feel free to ask other questions that might be in their minds about this recommended increase. There were a few questions asked which were apparently answered to the satisfaction of the delegates. Lillian then reminded them that since this would not be put to a vote until the following day there would be time for them to give thought to this matter before they cast their votes for or against the recommendation and amendment to the by-laws the following day.

The meeting recessed at 4:05 and clinics were viewed in the adjoining room immediately afterward.

SECOND SESSION

Called to order by First Vice-President Magdalene Kulstad, in the absence of President Peterson, who was attending the

luncheon of the American Hygienists Association.

Report of the Credentials Committee showed a registration at that time of 387.

Announcement of appointments to the Standing Committees; elected by the board:

ADAA STANDING COMMITTEES elected by Board of Trustees for 1956-1957

Education Committee

Chairman, Sadie Hadley, 1957, Massachusetts; Ruth Doring, 1957, New Jersey; Gladys Triphahn, 1957, Illinois; Aileen Ferguson, 1958, Massachusetts; Grace Browning, 1958, Alabama; Mary Haney, 1958, Nebraska.

Chairman of Cert. Board is ex-officio member.

By-Laws Committee

Chairman: Eula Mae West, Kentucky, 3 years, 1959; Annanette Lindsey, Iowa, 2 years, 1958; Florence Viens, Rhode Island, 1 year, 1957.

Clinics and Exhibits Committee

Chairman: Sally Cochran, Pennsylvania, 1957; Jeanne Ostermeier, Illinois, 1957; Eva G. Miner, Southern California, 1958; Merle Andrews, South Dakota, 1958; Lois Kelley, Indiana, 1958.

Membership Committee

Chairman: LaVeta Lehn, Nebraska, (one year terms); First District, Cecelia Rowe, Massachusetts; Second, Flora Thompson, New York; Third, Kay Buckmaster, Ohio; Fourth, Jean Coleman, Alabama; Fifth, Emily Price, Virginia; Sixth, Ruth Maino, Michigan; Seventh, Irene Mills, Nebraska; Eighth, Phyllis Odell, Missouri; Ninth, Lucy Hartman, Oregon; Tenth, Gloria Reinhard, Texas; Eleventh, Mavis Bailey, Northern California

Pin Committee

Chairman: Edna Johnson, Louisiana; First District, Evelyn Conlon, New Hampshire; Second, Pauline Ellsworth, New York; Third, Mary Falter, Ohio; Fourth,

Lee Maddox, Florida; Fifth, Dorothy Oldham, West Virginia; Sixth, Andrea Merkel, Wisconsin; Seventh, Marcella Passow, Iowa; Eighth, Mildred Kraft, Kansas; Ninth, Ruth Nelson, Idaho; Tenth, Helen Gipson, Arizona; Eleventh, Sybil Baptiste, Hawaii.

J.A.S Relief Fund Committee

Chairman, (a Vice-President), Virginia Hoffman; Ann Casperi, Louisiana; Ruth Morgan, Nebraska; Clara Moore, Southern California.

J.A.S Scholarship Committee

Chairman, (a Vice-President), Lois Kryger; Past President, Mary Haney; ADAA Treasurer, Harriett Darling.

Public Relations Committee

Chairman, (a Vice-President), Elma Troutman; Editor, Violet Crowley; ADAA General Secretary, Joy Phillips; Anna Carey, Ohio; Margaret Volpe, New Jersey; Lorraine Glausier, Alabama.

Judicial and Legislation Committee

Chairman, Rosalie Polzer, Southern California, 1958; Frances Fox, Louisiana, 1958; Helen Henczel, Connecticut, 1958; ADAA Secretary; Ann White, Texas, 1957; June Vinsant, Mississippi, 1957.

Past Presidents' Council Committee on Life Membership

(She is privileged to choose members
of her committee)

Chairman, Helen Fitting, Pennsylvania; Mildred Rinn; Katie McConnell.

Historian

Mary Ann Whalley.

Budget and Finance Committee

(2 members)

Chairman, Lillian Hoffman; Bessie Peterson (Past President); ADAA President, ADAA General Secretary; ADAA Treasurer.

The Dental Assistant Publishing Staff

Editor, Violet Crowley; Business-Advertising Manager, Laura Whiffen; Subscription Manager, to be announced later.

A.D.A. Certification Board

(See elsewhere in reports of this board
and the council)

Olive Stienbeck, Chairman of the Recommendations Committee, presented the recommendations which had been referred to the House of Delegates for consideration and action. Recommendations and action taken follows:

From ADAA President, Bessie Peterson

THAT we continue a strenuous membership campaign; That the Membership contest close on July 15, 1957; and the following prizes be awarded:

1. \$25.00 cash prize to the Association in Class I having the largest percentage of increase. (Class I—having less than 50 members at closing date of previous year.)

2. \$50.00 cash prize to the Association in Class II having the largest percentage of increase. (Class II—having 50 to 100 members at closing date of previous year.)

3. \$75.00 cash prize to the Association in Class III having the largest percentage of increase. (Class III—having 100 to 200 members at closing date of previous year.)

4. \$100.00 cash prize to the Association in Class IV having the largest percentage of increase. (Class IV—having over 200 members at closing date of previous year.)

Motion to adopt—carried.

Inasmuch as there are a limited number of cities with adequate facilities to entertain the Annual ADAA Meeting, it falls to the members in the Districts where meetings are held, to serve as hostesses every few years, while other Districts never have the opportunity to assume this role.

In view of this fact, I suggest that those districts, in which the Annual Meeting cannot be held, be designated (in turn) to serve as hostesses as assigned.

Motion to adopt—carried.

From the Chairman of the ADAA Committee on Education—Sadie Hadley

The members of this committee unanimously recommend the approval of the course of training for dental assistants offered in the Emily Griffith Opportunity

School, Denver, Colorado. This is an Extension Study Course (117 hours).

Motion to adopt—carried.

The committee unanimously recommends the approval of the Course of Training for Dental Assistants offered in the Austin Evening Public Schools, Austin, Texas. This is an Extension Study Course (110 hours).

Motion to adopt—carried.

Five of the six members of this committee voted to recommend THAT the ADAA give provisional approval to the Course of Training for dental assistants offered in the Jacksonville Technical High School as an Extension Study Course until such time as it becomes a Post Graduate Course to meet the requirements of the ADAA. Under these circumstances graduates would be compelled to take the Certification Board's Examination and meet all other requirements of the Committee on Education until this requirement is established.

This is a regular daytime High School Course (over 1000 hours). However, it does not meet one requirement of the ADAA. "IX Admission. The minimum requirements shall be the completion of a four year high school course or the equivalent." This school starts their students in their third year and graduates them in their fourth year.

After considerable discussion, motion to adopt—carried; 118 aye, to 30 no.

The Committee on Education recommends the approval of the course of training for dental assistants in the Chaffey College, Ontario, California. This is a regular daytime Course (over 1000 hours).

Motion to adopt—carried.

From the Chairman of the J.A.S. Relief Fund Committee—Joy Phillips

THAT \$543.50 be transferred from the J.A.S. Relief General Fund to the J.A.S. Relief Revolving Fund to bring this Fund up to \$1000.00.

Motion to adopt—carried.

Each recommendation was read separately and acted upon separately by the House of Delegates.

Eula Mae West, Chairman of the ADAA By-laws Committee, read the report of this committee and moved the adoption of the amendments therein. These were acted upon one at a time also—the amendments as read and the action taken on each was as follows:

AMERICAN DENTAL ASSISTANTS
ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
TO THE BY-LAWS

ARTICLE IV, Section 4—Repeal Section 4 and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

Section 4, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS—Associate Membership may be granted to members of the American Dental Association; and to members of the ADAA who are no longer actively employed in the vocation of dental assisting. The right of accepting or rejecting applications of such persons for Associate Membership shall be reserved to the state association or to the local societies in states where there is no state association. Associate Members shall pay the same dues as Active Members and shall be accorded all privileges of Active Membership except that of voting and holding an elective office.

Upon Majority Vote of the House of Delegates, Associate Membership may be granted to certain other persons as agreed upon by the Board of Trustees and upon payment of dues.—Motion to adopt—carried.

ARTICLE V, Section 1—Repeal Section 1 and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

Section 1, DUES—The annual dues of the association shall be six dollars (\$6.00) payable January 1, for the ensuing year. All dues received by the Executive Secretary after November 1, shall be credited for membership for the following fiscal year.

After a motion that this be adopted, was made, there was a subsidiary motion made by Aileen Ferguson as follows: "That the amendment be amended by striking out \$6.00 and substituting (or inserting instead) \$5.00." This motion was seconded, and after time for discussion allowed, the vote was taken on the amendment to the amendment—motion lost. The Chair then asked if there was further discussion on the original motion. There being none the vote was taken on the original motion—action—motion carried.

ARTICLE VIII, Section 3—Repeal Section 3 and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

Section 3, ELIGIBILITY—Only an active or life member in good standing of this Association, shall be eligible to serve as an elective officer. All elective officers shall be past trustees or have served as committee chairman of the Association. Motion to adopt—carried.

ARTICLE VIII, Section 4—Repeal Section 4 and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

Section 4, NOMINATIONS—A nominating Committee shall be elected by the Board of Trustees at the pre-convention meeting to serve for the following year. There shall be five members of this Committee; one shall be a recent past-president, one member from the Certification Board of Directors, one member of the Board of Trustees, and two members from the House of Delegates. The member from the Certification Board of Directors shall be elected by the Certification Board and announced at the joint meeting of the Old and New Board of Trustees at the close of the annual meeting. The member of the Board of Trustees shall serve as the chairman of the committee and her name shall be published in the first post convention issue of the Journal. Nominations for elective officers, with their qualifications, submitted by component societies or the Board of Trustees, may be sent to the Chairman or to the Executive Secretary.—Motion to adopt—carried.

All nominations must be submitted to the Nominating Committee not later than ninety days prior to the annual session, to be considered for the committee's slate of nominees. The committee shall study the qualifications of all nominees for offices in the ADAA and where more than two nominations are received for a given office, the committee shall select the two who, in their opinion, are best qualified and place those names on the slate it presents. The committee shall present not more than eight names for the five members to be elected annually to the Certification Board.—Motion to adopt—carried.

This slate of candidates and their qualifications shall appear in the pre-convention issue of the Journal.—Motion to adopt—carried.

Nominations from the floor shall be called for. Written consent of the candidate shall be secured before nomination is made.—Motion to adopt—carried.

ARTICLE VIII, Section 5—Repeal Section 5 and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

Section 5, ELECTIONS—All elections shall be by ballot, and a plurality of the ballots cast shall elect. In the event of a tie vote on the first ballot, these candidates shall be balloted on again.—Motion to adopt—carried.

ARTICLE X, Section 2—Repeal Section 2 and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

Section 2, QUALIFICATIONS—A District Trustee must be one who has served as President of a state association or a local society where no state association exists, and has attended at least one annual session of the Association, prior to the time her name is submitted as a candidate for District Trustee.

There was a subsidiary motion that this amendment be amended as follows: Strike out "and has attended at least one annual session

of the Association"—this subsidiary motion was lost—the original motion to adopt—carried.

ARTICLE XII, Section 4—Repeal Section 4 and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

Section 4, FEES—There shall be a registration fee of three dollars (\$3.00) for members, one dollar (\$1.00) for student members and four dollars (\$4.00) for non-members. An amount not to exceed eighty percent (80%) of the total registration fee shall be allotted to the committee on arrangements to defray expenses of the annual session.—Motion to adopt—carried.

ARTICLE XIII, Section 2—Repeal second paragraph of Section 2 and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

Section 2, MEMBERSHIP—Second paragraph. Active Membership shall consist of ten qualified female members who shall be elected by the House of Delegates of this Association. The Chairman of the ADAA Education Committee shall serve as ex-officio member without power of vote.—Motion to adopt—carried.

ARTICLE XIII, Section 3—Repeal Section 3 and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

Section 3, ELECTION—There shall be five Active Members elected each year to serve for a term of two years. One member of the Past President's Council shall be represented each year on this Board.—Motion to adopt—carried.

ARTICLE XIII, Section 4—Repeal Section 4 and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

Section 4, ELIGIBILITY—Only Certified qualified female members of the American Dental Association Certification Board shall be eligible for nomination and election to the Active Membership of the Certification Board.

Qualifications are:

1. The member shall have served at least one year as Chairman of a State Education Committee.
2. The member shall have served at least once on the Examining Committee of a Certification Examination.

No member may serve on the Active Membership for more than two terms, consecutive or otherwise.—Motion to adopt—carried.

General Secretary Troutman announced the nominations for Trustees for Districts Four, Seven, Nine, Ten and Eleven and read their qualifications. (These names were presented as the result of caucuses held by the delegates of the Districts earlier in the meeting). They were the following:

Fourth District, Grace Browning, Alabama, 3 year term; Seventh, Ruth Asp, Minnesota, 3 year term; Ninth, Doris

Arisman, Idaho, 3 year term; Tenth, Elta Mae Selzer, Colorado, 3 year term; Eleventh, Jinx Wood, Northern California, 3 year term.

The 1956 Nominating Committee Chairman LeVeta Lehn, gave the report of this committee, and the chair declared nominations open from the floor. The following names were placed in nomination for ADAA Offices from the floor, as additional to those presented in the report of the Nominating Committee:

For the office of Third Vice-President: lone Roberts, Tennessee; Lois Kryger, Washington.

For the office of General Secretary: Corinne Dubuc, Rhode Island.

For the ADAA Certification Board: Florence Smith, New Jersey; Margaret Crave, Northern California; Ruth Buske, Michigan.

Nominations were closed and it was announced that balloting would be the following day. Roll call was at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, balloting from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The pre-convention report of the auditor was read by Treasurer Darling. A motion to accept this report—carried.

Session recessed at 4:50 p.m.

THIRD SESSION

Called to order on Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. Credentials Committee reported a total registration to that time of 391.

Lois Kryger, Chairman of the Elections Committee, gave the following report from this committee: 182 eligible to vote; 181 votes cast; 5 ballots spoiled.

President-Elect, Magdalene Kulstad, Southern California.

First Vice-President, Elma Troutman, Northern California.

Second Vice-President, Virginia Hoffman, Pennsylvania.

Third Vice-President, Lois Kryger, Washington.

General Secretary, Joy Phillips, Arizona.

Treasurer, Harriett Darling, South Dakota.

ADAA Certification Board Members:

Oriett Clark, Iowa.

Helen Searles, Rhode Island.

Edna Zedaker, North Carolina.

Florence Smith, New Jersey.

Evelyn Brett, Pennsylvania.

President Peterson re-read the list of names and declared these members duly elected to the offices of the ADAA to serve for the coming year and/or until the next annual meeting.

Chairman Lillian Hoffman of the Budget and Finance Committee read the budgeted allotments of the 1957 income—for the general fund and the journal fund.

This session recessed at 4:12 p.m.

FOURTH SESSION

Called to order at 9:30 a.m. Thursday.

Final report of the Credentials Committee was as follows:

8	Officers
11	Trustees
164	Delegates
35	Alternates
149	Members
3	Dentists
4	Canadian guests
17	Non-Member guests

391 Total registration of the meeting.

Reading and adoption of the résumé of the minutes of the previous sessions. The report of the Board of Trustees was adopted. Adoption of the Resolutions Committee report. The report of the Conventions Arrangements Committee, read by Chairman Alice Elder, brought a round of applause from the assembly. All who attended this successful meeting were eager to express their appreciation to the group who made it possible. (See reports of the various functions, etc. for complete details.)

The Chairman of the Certification Board announced the results of the annual election of this board. (See report on this board's activities elsewhere in this issue for this information.)

The budget for 1957, based on an anticipated 7,500 members at \$6.00 per member, and the division of income from dues was presented at this time.

It was as follows:

\$4.20 or 70% allotted to the General Fund and \$1.80 or 30% to the Journal Fund.

Lillian Hoffman, Chairman, Budget and Finance Committee, presented the following as the proposed budget for the General Fund:

Income Anticipated (70%) or \$4.20 Per Member	.....	\$31,500.00
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Central Office	.....	36% \$16,200.00
Convention Expense	.....	3 1/2% 1,575.00
Travel and Hotel	.....	9% 4,050.00
Committee Expense	.....	2% 900.00
Office Supplies	.....	2% 900.00
Publicity Pamphlets	.....	1 1/2% 675.00
Mimeographing	.....	1% 450.00
President's and Trustee's Allotment	.....	6 1/2% 2,925.00
Contingency Fund	.....	8 1/2% 3,825.00
TOTAL	.....	70% \$31,500.00

Violet Crowley, Editor of THE DENTAL ASSISTANT, presented the proposed budget of the Journal Fund. As this fund has income other than allotment from dues it is figured to total 100%.

Income:		
Dues, (30%) or \$1.80 Per Member.		
Based on 7,500 Members	.....	\$13,500.00
Advertising, Net (Anticipated)	.....	7,500.00
Pictures, Special Articles,		
Other Income	.....	250.00
Outside Subscriptions, Binders,		
Extra Journals	.....	430.00
TOTAL	.....	\$21,680.00

Disbursements:		
Printing and Engraving	.....	53% \$11,500.00
Postage	.....	7% 1,500.00
Handling	.....	5% 1,100.00
Envelopes	.....	3 2/3% 800.00
Ad. Plates Alteration, Composition, etc.	.....	1% 225.00
Salaries (Editor, Bus.-Adv. Mgr., Sub. Mgr.)	.....	19-2/5% 4,200.00
Office Expense		
Editor, Bus.-Adv. Mgr.		
Sub. Mgr., Ed. "Views")	.....	1-1/3% 275.00

Travel and Hotel (Three Meetings)	.....	6-2/5%	1,400.00
Stationery and Special Printing	.....	\$175.00	
Stencils, Ink, Paper, Sub. Dept.	.....	125.00	1-2/5%
Equipment and Repairs	.....	75.00	
Tel. and Tel...	.....	50.00	
Taxes (2%)			
Accrued, Paid By Journal	.....	84.00	
Journal Convention Expense, Pictures, etc.)	.....	60.00	
Awards	.....	35.00	
Dues, (Editor's Assns.)	.....	53.00	
Bulk Mail Fee	.....	10.00	
Contingency Fund	.....	13.00	1-4/5%
TOTAL	.....	100%	\$21,680.00

These budgets were approved, as presented, by the House of Delegates.

Several announcements were made, and the business of the House of Delegates, insofar as the voting on issues was concerned, was complete.

This seems the proper place in the report to give credit to the members of this 1956 House of Delegates. From observation we considered them a faithful, interested and alert group of people. They moved efficiently through an intensive and tight-spaced four-day schedule, attended sessions regularly, participated in discussions freely, presented their questions and opinions clearly and well. It was obvious that they came this year well informed on issues which would be theirs to decide; that they had acquired a new and deeper insight into the responsibilities that became theirs during that strenuous week of serious thinking, talking and reaching agreements; that they came with open minds, willing to compromise, willing to learn and to evaluate and re-evaluate, and willing to bow to the wishes of the majority. Orchids to these members for a fine performance!



Board of Directors ADACB—l. to r., Virginia Carpenter, Evelyn Brett, Vera Spies, Rose Donohue and Margaret Leedom.



Advisory Council of the ADACB. l. to r., Florence Smith, Helen Searles, Edna Zedaker, Oriett Clark.

The American Dental Assistants Certification Board, Inc.

Again at this session the ADACB members spent many hours in meetings discussing the business brought to their attention, arriving at future action, reviewing and revamping its rules and regulations, etc. This board performs an important part in our educational program. If you will check back through the issues of *The Journal* in the past year, you will realize how many examination papers they graded—how many issues must have graded them in the course of their year's work.

This board held its annual meeting this year prior to the closing of the ADAA session, and were able to give us the following report of their election.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rose Donohue, Pennsylvania—Chairman
Margaret Leedom, Nebraska—Vice-Chairman

Vera Spies, Iowa—Secretary-Treasurer
Evelyn Brett, Pennsylvania—Member
Virginia Carpenter, Tennessee—Member

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Violet, Hanson, So. California—Chairman
Helen Searles, Rhode Island—Secretary
Oriett Clark, Iowa—Member
Edna Zedaker, North Carolina—Member
Florence Smith, New Jersey—Member
Annette Stoker, Executive Secretary,

103 Midland Ave., Glen Ridge, N. J.

Be sure to watch future issues for a report on any changes in rules and regulations, and other information, from this board.

The Advisory Council Welcomes Its Newest Member

Retiring President, Bessie Peterson, was presented the Past President's Pin and Trophy by Sadie Hadley, the Council's Chairman, as she was welcomed into the ranks of this select group of the ADAA—The Past Presidents' Council. A group into which membership can be gained only through years of unselfish service to the ADAA. Only twenty-one names are now on its membership roll—our twenty-one Past Presidents, of which twenty are living. Seven members of this council were present to witness this



presentation when our photographer made the above picture. They are, seated, l. to r.: Mary Haney, 15th President; Sadie Hadley, 13th; Bessie Peterson, Immediate Past and 21st; Helen Fitting, 3rd. Standing, l. to r.: Mildred Rinn, 9th; Lillian Hoffman, 19th; Evelyn Brett, 16th, and Ruth Doring, 20th. Another member the 6th, Marie Shaw, was in meeting but was unable to attend this session.

We salute the members of this council; we owe them a great deal. It was largely through their individual efforts and leadership ability that the ADAA has moved forward step-by-step for the past thirty-two years.

Results of the council's annual election: Chairman, Sadie Hadley; Vice-Chairman, Katie McConnell; Secretary, Mary Haney.

Presentation of Awards

Awards for Loyalty, Service, Achievement and Accomplishment were presented to the winners for the year on Thursday morning immediately following the conclusion of the business of this 32nd annual session.

Awards that in reality say "Thank you" to the individuals and groups who earn them for outstanding performances; for years of loyal service; for co-operation and teamwork; for working just a little bit harder; for service above and beyond the call of duty; and for devotion to a cause so dear to us all.

Again this year the first award presented was the Dr. Clifton G. Ducote Loyal Assistant Trophy. It is awarded annually to the member who submits the longest record of consecutive employment with one employer—a record which must be attested by her employer and her state and local society.

Helen Fitting, who was chairman of this committee made the presentation after reading the names and records of the various entries. There were eight entries this year with records ranging from 18 years, 8 months and 27 days to 35 years, 3 months and 11 days. The latter, and winning one, was submitted by none other than our beloved Aileen M. Ferguson, who has been associated with Dr. John I. Shea of Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts for the past consecutive 35 years, 3 months and 11 days. This rare quality of loyalty Aileen possesses is not news to members of long standing in the

ADAA. Although she might not have a cabinet filled with trophies to indicate it, she holds several records in the ADAA. One in particular of which we are thinking is her record of perhaps greater service to the association than any other individual. This record of service dates back to 1938 when she was appointed Chairman of the ADAA Committee on Education. She served in this capacity until 1941 when she was elected to the office of General Secretary, an office which she filled most competently for eight years—from 1941 until 1948, longer than has any other individual—all the while full time employed. It was inevitable—the



L. to R., Aileen Ferguson and Helen Fitting.

time had come when no active member could possibly carry on the heavy and ever-increasing demands of this office. A central office was established, an Executive Secretary employed, and Aileen, of her own accord, wrote "finis" to her serv-

ice in this capacity. Throughout those eight years she also served as a member of the Judicial and Legislative Committee of the ADAA. In the year of 1942 she was awarded the ADAA Achievement Trophy, which is awarded annually to the member who, in the opinion of the board, has done the most outstanding work for the ADAA and dental assistants.

After stepping out as Secretary, Aileen, who seems to place no limitations on her willingness to work and serve the organization she loves, assisted in the organization of the ADA Certification Board, Inc. in 1948. She holds Certificate No. 7 from this board. In 1948-49 she served as Secretary-Treasurer of it and in 1951 as Vice-Chairman. From 1953 to 1956 she has been an active and valuable member of the ADAA Committee on Education (and we note her re-appointment to this committee through 1958). And now at this 1956 meeting we are privileged to witness the presenting to her of a trophy which was given in honor of those many years of loyal service to the profession of dentistry and her employer, Dr. John I. Shea. Many who watched were seen to brush away an occasional tear—tears that stemmed from joy and happiness as we shared a big moment with a great lady who has given "the mostest and the bestest" for many years to the ADAA—to her employer, and in reality to all who know her. Looking more radiant than we have seen her in several years, her acceptance was given in the modest and forthright manner (with just the right touch of humor) which is so completely in character for Aileen M. Ferguson. The biggest and rarest orchid we can find goes to Aileen!

Two special presentations were made this year as Mary Haney, Past President and Secretary of the Past President's Council, announced that the council had decided to present the Past President's pin—which was owned and worn by our founder, Juliette A. Southard, to Past President Mildred Rinn. Mildred, who received her early ADAA training under



L. to R., Mary Haney, Helen Fitting, Mildred Rinn.

the guidance of our founder, was elected President in 1941 at Houston, Texas, and served during the war years. Although she has not been actively engaged in the vocation of dental assisting for more than twelve years, she has continued her interest and work in all phases of association activity when called upon. The journal staff is greatly indebted to her for her assistance in many ways too numerous to mention. She is the Resident Agent of the ADAA in the State of Illinois where the association was incorporated and is registered.

The other special presentation was made to Honorary, Life Member, Helen Fitting. Mary Haney made this award also. It was our founder's, and the original, dental assistant official pin. If our memory serves us correctly, Juliette designed the official pin, and was perhaps the first assistant to wear one. It seemed so proper for Helen, who assisted our founder in the organization of the ADAA and worked side by side with her in the years that followed until Juliette's death, to be presented this pin. She has continued her work in the ADAA—no assignment is too big or too small for her to accept. We know these members will treasure these pins, and that this gesture of friendship and recognition of their efforts, by the member of this council, will be cherished always.

The coveted Aloise B. Clement Achievement Trophy winner this year was Past President Lillian Hoffman. This reporter



L. to R., Lillian Hoffman, Thelma Troutman

experienced a special thrill when this announcement was made, for it was she who, as Chairman of the 1950 Nominating Committee (that meeting also held in Atlantic City) had prevailed upon Lillian to accept the nomination to the office of General Secretary. Lillian was retiring as the Trustee of the district which was until that year the Tenth. Although a bit hesitant, she accepted the nomination and was elected. It was with a sense of pride we watched her so capably fill this and other offices on through to that of President of the ADAA in the year of 1954. Her background of experience in the ADAA has no doubt been a valuable asset in her work as Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee the past two years. This is no small assignment; it requires much serious cerebration from all the members of the committee, and strong leadership is valuable and necessary to the satisfactory function of it.

Receiving this award comes as a complete surprise to the recipient—(you get weak in the knees, a chill runs up the spine, and you know you will never be able to speak a word in acceptance.) Lillian quickly regained her composure and was most gracious in her acceptance, paying tribute to the members of the committee with whom she wished to share this honor.

Following is a listing of the other 1956 awards and the names of the individual group winners.

AMERICAN DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION

1956 AWARDS COMMITTEE

AWARDS FOR 1956 PRESENTED TO:

First Award Membership Increase, Oral Hygiene Trophy Cup—North Dakota.

Second Award Membership Increase, Homer B. Robinson Trophy—Colorado.

Third Award Membership Increase, Nye Goodman Gavel Trophy—Mississippi.

Fourth Award Membership Increase, A. D. Missy Trophy—Oklahoma.

Fifth Award Membership Increase, Blue Ribbon—Vermont.

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP PRIZES

Closing date July 15, 1956

\$25.00 cash to the Association in Class I having the largest percentage of increase. (Class I Associations having less than 50 members at closing date of previous year.)—North Dakota.

\$50.00 cash to the Association in Class II having the largest percentage of increase. (Class II Associations having 50 to 100 members at closing of previous year.)—Colorado.

\$75.00 cash to the Associations in Class III having the largest percentage of increase. (Class III Associations having 100 to 200 members at closing date of previous year.)—Oklahoma.

\$100.00 cash to Associations in Class IV having the largest percentage of increase. (Class IV Associations having more than 200 members at closing date of previous year.)—Illinois.

AWARDS — 1956

COOPERATION:

First Award, Oren Oliver Trophy—North Carolina.

Second Award, Blue Ribbon—Kentucky.

Third Award, Red Ribbon—Nebraska.

OUTSIDE SUBSCRIPTIONS TO "THE DENTAL ASSISTANT"

First Award, Trophy Cup—Ohio.

Second Award, \$10.00. (Check from Journal Fund)—Tennessee.

POSTER AWARDS

First Award, Henry Fowler D.D.A.
Trophy—Missouri.

Second Award, Dee Gold Plaque—
Kentucky.

Third Award, Blue Ribbon—Okla-
homa.

Fourth Award, Red Ribbon—Florida.



TROPHY TO DISTRICT PRESENTING MOST CLINICS

(Donated by Medical-Dental Bureaus)
To: Eighth District. (Accepted by Mae
Collins, Trustee.) See above picture.

Eleven Clinics—644 members, per-
centage 1.7.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE AWARDS FOR BEST PROGRAMS

Best Educational Program for State As-
sociations, \$15.00 check—Florida.

Educational Program for State Associa-
tion, First Honorable Mention, Blue
Ribbon—Kansas State D.A.A.

Educational Program for State Associa-
tion, Second Honorable Mention, Red
Ribbon—Kentucky D.A.A.

Best Educational Program for Local
Society (not less than six meetings),
\$10.00 check—Topeka, Kansas.

Educational Program for Local Society,
First Honorable Mention, Blue Ribbon—
Stark County of Canton, Ohio.

Educational Program for Local Society,
Second Honorable Mention, Red Rib-
bon—Memphis D.A. Society.

SPECIAL PRIZE FROM JOURNAL

\$25.00 check to the member who
writes the best article of Educational
value to the Assistant and/or for the gen-
eral welfare of the vocation—Alberta
Reed, Massillon, Ohio.

We exercise our prerogative here to
say a few words about this award. It is
a bit unusual to give this award to a
member of the Editorial staff, but we
believe an exception in this instance was
justified. The retiring Editor of Views
of the News, Alberta Reed, has served
on the staff in this capacity for five
years. This is a heavy assignment for
which she receives no remuneration, and
her efforts in editing this department
have been great; her work outstanding.

Her article on a subject of vital impor-
tance was written especially for THE
DENTAL ASSISTANT, and we feel sure
it provided information of value in the
education of all members in regard to
proper ethical conduct. If you haven't
read it, please do so. We hope that you
feel that this award was a nice way for
all of us to bid "adieu" to our retiring
Editor of Views of the News.



Best Essay Award winner, Alberta Reed (left)
says, "For me? I can't believe it." "Righto,"
says Mary Ann Whalley, (r).

CONVENTION ATTENDANCE TROPHY

Miles traveled, 50,900; number of members registered, 8—No. California.

PIN COMMITTEE AWARD

(Donated by Kleins)

District in which the largest percentage of pins sold.

Presented to: Second District. Accepted by Barbara Cunningham, Second District committee member.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

To Trustee in whose District the largest number of new Societies has been organized.

1. Lois Kryger, Ninth District Trustee, 4 societies, 1 state (Montana) 3 locals.

Marion Small, Tenth, 4; Mary Ann Whally, Ninth, 4.

PRESENTATION OF TOKENS TO TRUSTEES WHO HAVE SERVED ONE YEAR

First District, Phyllis Jenkins; Third, Alicia B. King; Fifth, Olive Steinbeck; Sixth, Laura Willard.

We wish space would permit remarks about the performance of all the awards winners, but since it is impossible we assure you each presentation gave a thrill to those who watched as well as those who received them. Now is the time to start your efforts to be a winner, or winners, in 1957.

After the presentation of the Past President's Pin and Trophy, which we tell you about in another part of this report, our Honorary Member from Canada, Marion Edwards, presented the official pin of the Canadian Nurses and Assistants Association. Each ADAA President is honored by our Canadian friends, and privileged to wear this pin throughout her tenure of office. The presence of our friend Marion, and the other Canadian guests, adds much to our meetings—Marion has been with us so many times we feel that she belongs to us too. You will see her smiling face in pictures in this issue.

The Florida delegation extended a cordial welcome to us to come to Miami Beach in 1957 by reading a letter of welcome from the Governor of Florida and the mayor of Miami Beach, and through a song of their own clever arrangement. They are already planning for our visit—and fresh in our memory is the 1954 meeting—could this one possibly offer more?

A rap of the gavel adjourned the 32nd annual ADAA convention to meet again in November, 1957. Another chapter in our association's history had been written during that exciting week we spent in Atlantic City — America's capital of BUSINESS with PLEASURE.

In Memoriam

DOROTHY EISENBERG, member of Los Angeles Dental Assistants Society, departing this life on May 30, 1956,
and

INGA SWANSON, member of Fourth District, Southern California, departing
this life on July 19, 1956.

Both DOROTHY and INGA were dearly loved by their fellow dental assistants, and shall leave a lasting impression on all by their faith and courage in all their undertakings.

There is nothing to trouble any heart;
Nothing to hurt at all.
Death is only a quiet door
Set in a garden wall.

(Nancy Byrd Turner)



The Grand Finale

Installation of Officers

The grand finale, as at every meeting, was the Installation of Officers in the traditional candlelight service on Thursday morning. Immediate Past President, Ruth Doring served as Installing Officer; Past President, Evelyn Brett, as Conducting Officer, and Helen Fitting and our Canadian friend, Marion Edwards, were seated at the Table of Friendship.

There was a note of sadness in the atmosphere of that beautiful room and around the flower be-decked Officer's Table that morning, as, for the first time in ADAA history, the President was being installed in absentia. Much to our regret it was not possible for Mary Francis Dutton to be present to accept the highest chair of honor in the ADAA, but surely our thoughts were with her, and of her, throughout the ceremony.

As we watched each retiring officer vacate her chair, and the newly elected one—the President Elect; the three Vice-Presidents; the General Secretary; the Treasurer, and the Trustees light her candle from the candle of friendship and move into these places, we felt sure that each had come into the ADAA with

certain qualities of leadership and decided this was an organization to which she should give her best. Through the local and state offices they moved, giving of themselves, their talents and time each step of the way. And this giving process is still going on as they move into the offices of the national organization.

Yes, each is fully aware that it means more sacrifice, more giving than ever before to carry out the duties of the office in which the members had elected to place her. True, each will receive a modest expense allowance, but it is not compensation for the hours she will spend writing reams of letters, keeping detailed records, planning ways to provide more assistance to the local and state groups, visiting the meetings in the district, and various other duties that will demand her attention throughout the year. No, money can't buy this kind of service, but loyalty and devotion to ADAA ideals buy it in great and generous portions every year. We felt a sense of pride, and a little lump in our throat, as we looked upon this attractive group of women into whose capable and willing hands we had thrust the reins of ADAA leadership for the 1956-57 ADAA year.



Everyone has a certain "something" that sets her apart from everybody else. Our new President has many such qualities. Of this we have been aware since she came into the official family through her election as Trustee of the Fourth District at the 1950 meeting in Atlantic City. She is an able speaker (and we assure you her delightful Southern accent does nothing to detract from this). She has a terrific sense of humor, is a clear and sound thinker, an intelligent and arduous worker, and above all else she is obviously devoted to the ideals of our association.

The newly installed First Vice-President, Elma Troutman, read the inspiring acceptance message Mary Francis had prepared for the occasion when she realized that she could not be with us for the



First Vice-President Troutman accepts the gavel from retiring President Peterson.

installation. (Excerpts from it appear on the President's Page in this issue).

Surely not one who heard the stirring message from this courageous girl, who is to be our leader the coming year, could leave this meeting without a complete dedication to accept her share of the work in this program of ADVANCEMENT of the ADAA that Mary Francis had outlined for us.

A WORD FROM—

The Rhymer from "Mymer," Betty Macy

*"The convention in Jersey has
just flown the coop,
An' here we come atcha with
the latest scoop.*

Remember 1954???

*Surprises—we had 'em galore.
Now '57 is just around the bend
And the stuff we got planned—
There is just no end.
Tho' we don't mean to boast,
We've planned it the most.
Cause you ain't seen nuttin'
Till we've done it up for Dutton!*

P. S. Save yo' confederate money all year for a visit with the Florida Rebels in November, 1957.



With Emphasis on EDUCATION

This year, as at all previous meetings of the ADAA, the emphasis was on Education. The word was spoken many times throughout the week—in reports, in lectures, and in rooms where groups gathered to map and plan the future course of the ADAA.

The feature attraction on the educational program this year was a panel discussion on Wednesday morning. A conference on the Training of Dental Assistants, sponsored by the Council on Dental Education, American Dental Association, was held in Chicago in February, and the findings of this conference were used as a basis for some of the discussion of this panel. Following is a résumé of this Panel Discussion as reported by Aileen M. Ferguson, delegate from Massachusetts and member of the ADAA Committee on Education.

PRESIDING: Sadie L. Hadley, Chairman, Committee on Education, ADAA.

SUBJECT: The Importance of Education to the Dental Assistant.

MODERATOR: Dr. Shailer B. Peterson, Secretary, Council on Dental Education, American Dental Association, Chicago, Illinois.

Ten minute presentations by panel members, questions and discussion period among panel members, and summary by moderator.

A. The importance of studying the role and function of an auxiliary aid Dr. Walter J. Pelton, Chief, Division of Dental Resources, Public Health Service, Washington, D. C.

Dr. Pelton: As Chief, Division of Dental Resources it is my job to assist in planning for dental manpower of the future. The Census Bureau informs us that by 1960 the population will be 275 million. Our studies point up the fact that twice as many dentists as we have now will need to be trained to serve this population if only minimum dentistry is done. To assist and augment this dental manpower, auxiliary dental personnel must be recruited. Problems that should be considered:

1. Recruitment requires knowledge of what the auxiliary is able to do, what he is expected to do, complete job information.
2. Proper training, what the auxiliary is trained to do, the upper and lower levels of duties, a framework that will

have universality, and the opportunity for development.

3. Skills—Both employer and employee must be aware of their separate responsibilities.

4. Establishment of equitable pay scales, entrance pay must be determined, no single rate of pay is recommended as there are geographic variations in rate of compensation, rates must rise to reflect increased efficiency and widening scale of responsibility, pay must be reasonable as compared with industry to attract recruits.

B. The methods by which job analysis are made and how the results are used in designing education programs.

Dr. William W. Demeritt, Assistant Dean, School of Dentistry, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dr. Demeritt: When I came to North Carolina School I asked for eight dental assistants and was given one, due to objection of budget committee, now have four and hope to have eight eventually.

To be considered in Job Analysis:

1. What is the assistant expected to know and do, what are the areas of responsibility? A lesser number are expected to do lab technics and X-ray.
2. How much formal training is required? Pilot studies are being done in several dental schools, these range from six weeks, three weeks in summer and nine months on the job with supervision, the Army has a ten weeks course.

Procurement for a two year course very difficult. According to American Dental Assistants Association survey of 70% of dentists are receptive to idea of some training for the assistant.

3. How many should be available to profession? To augment dental manpower of nation each should employ 1, preferably 2. If dentists have been trained to use assistant 30,000 would be needed if each employed 1; 120,000 if they would employ 2.

4. What does the dentist expect of the trained assistant?

5. What range of pay is agreeable?

A job analysis is the essential approach:

a. Obtain adequate sample of opinion from dentists.

b. Obtain adequate sample of opinion from dental assistants.

c. Workshop.

1. Job analysis—all activities of dentists.

All activities dental assistants can legally do.

Classify list of duties.

Pilot studies.

Research.

Empirical opinions can be eliminated

2. How results may be used.

Funds for research studies.

3. Develop curricula—would require further research.

C. The importance of formal educational programs to professional personnel and to their auxiliary aids.

Mrs. Isabel V. Kendrick, Director of Dental Assistants Program, Springfield, Massachusetts.

Mrs. Kendrick: The screening of individuals who apply for dental assistant training so as to eliminate undesirable applicants:

1. Individual must have a definite and persistent interest in the profession, a desire to serve humanity since pay is limited; recruitment is done one year in advance.
2. Must have a genuine interest in people and in varied duties.
3. Interviewed by various members of faculty and others.
4. General appearance of candidate for training.
5. High school attendance record is important, health consideration.
6. The aptitude test for the Pre-Nursing training is given.
7. A discussion of salaries is the final test.

D. The function of on-the-job training programs and perceptorships for auxiliary personnel.

Miss Elizabeth Linn, Director, Department of Dental Hygiene, The Dental School,

Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Miss Linn: The reason why a percentage of dentists want to train their own assistants, or have answered the survey question that way, is because there are very few graduates available, also because the dentists are not trained in school to use a trained assistant, or any assistant. By sending assistants out to be in offices by preceptorship these individuals would be trained in methods used by different practitioners. There is a need to train 60,000 in the foreseeable future. The American Dental Association must agree on a basic program.

E. The importance of long-range programs in dental education as opposed to day-to-day planning for yesterday's needs. Dr. Raymond J. Nagle, Dean of Dentistry, New York University, New York City. Dr. Nagle: In planning for the future it may be envisioned that there will be several types of auxiliary, chairside assistants, assistants for public health service, for the dental specialties, etc. Plans for the next 25 years based on future needs, instead of past experiences and inadequacy, is needed. New York University and Indiana University are studying and planning for dental assistant training.

DISCUSSION PERIOD

Dr. Pelton: 10% of graduated hygienists do not enter the field. After 10 years only 40% of graduates are still in the field, others have left. Census Bureau figures for all women age 20 to 34, show only 30% are employed, of these 40% work full time, 60% work part time, the turnover is 50%.

How can our associations and agencies work together to recruit personnel, the team is responsible for the recruitment. Refresher courses must be planned for graduates.

Dr. Peterson: The study we are going to make, if one is made, will set the pattern for the future so that the dentists can render greater service. The Council on Dental Education is planning a Conference on Workshop March 24, 25, 26, 1957 in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Submitted by
Sadie L. Hadley, Chairman,
Committee on Education, ADAA

This recent action by the Council on Dental Education, American Dental Association, is the first step in the program of action our leaders have been seeking since the beginning of the organization. Let us not, however, as individual members, expect this program to move too rapidly—or to see courses for assistants spring up overnight in dental colleges. It requires time for the step-by-step planning that is necessary to set up a sound program to fill the needs of today and tomorrow.

ATTENTION, Please

Effective January 1, 1957 there will be changes in the editorial staff of **THE DENTAL ASSISTANT**. We will indicate these changes on the contents page of the January-February issue, but it is important that you start *now* sending your copy for Views of the News to the newly appointed Editor of that department, Marion Small, Rt. 4, Box 279, Tucson, Arizona. As you know, she must prepare her copy eight weeks in advance of the mailing date of the issue, which will be January 15, 1957. Have your news in her hands by November 20, 1956 for the January-February issue.



The Clinics Were Outstanding

ON EXCHANGING THOUGHTS*

The thoughts of others are as necessary to one's mental well being as food is necessary to one's physical well being. Through the constant interchange of thought, minds are invigorated whether such interchange comes through reading and writing, or conversation.

*From

THE FOUNDER OF ROTARY,
published in 1928.

The above quotation can well be applied to our thinking of our meeting as a whole, and especially so to the part of it that is given to clinics. Clinics are to a great extent interchange of thought through conversation. The clinicians were quite well informed on their chosen subjects, and capable of transferring their thoughts to those who came to see and hear. Sixty-nine clinics were presented on Monday afternoon immediately following the first session of the House of Delegates, and twenty from this group were chosen to clinic in conjunction with the clinics of the American Dental Association in convention hall on Tuesday morning. These members are to be commended for their efforts in this important part of the educational program. Each was presented a certificate in recognition of her contribution, on Thursday morning when awards were presented. (See pictures in this issue for a glimpse of some of these girls in action.)

NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS

ARKANSAS DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION:

Time: November 24, 1956

Place: Davidson's Dental Laboratory, Little Rock, Arkansas

NEBRASKA DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION:

Time: November 18, 1956

Place: College of Dentistry, Lincoln, Nebraska

A Bright and Sparkling Entertainment Program

The ADAA in its idealism is a basically serious thing—and so are its conventions, but the New Jersey members knew that the group, who came primarily to conduct the business and educational program, would need some time for lighter moments—for relaxation and fun. So they saw to it that a bright program of entertainment was arranged for all to enjoy.

The Harvest Tea

It all began on Sunday afternoon with the Harvest Tea from 4 to 6 p.m. in beautiful Kerry Hall of the Shelburne Hotel, our headquarters. The Harvest theme was carried out in the decorations of the room, and made the setting even more interesting. The pictures in this issue tell you a better story than we can write, but we must say we have never seen a more attractive group than gathered for this occasion. Just about everyone was there—veteran convention goers, new recruits, and their guests and friends. Together they sipped tea, chatted gaily, and made plans for the week ahead. They met friends, old and new; forgot cares and responsibilities as they relaxed and listened to the strains of the music arranged for this delightful two hours of entertainment.

The Little Extras—

Throughout the week many special courtesies were extended the visitors. One especially impressed us—the little messages from "Corky and Maggie," reporters from the Good Ship ADAA, which kept us informed of events of the week such as: an hour of relaxation in the Brady Room where movies were shown; a seafood dinner at the internationally famous Hackney's and Captain Starns, etc. These leaflets were printed daily and handed to the visitors as they entered the door of the meeting rooms each morning—Monday through Thursday. Yes, our hostesses went all out to make our shore leave something we would long remember.

NOVEMBER • DECEMBER



TEA

1. San Francisco's fashionables — r. Dorothy Wilder, member of the editorial staff of the Journal.
2. Beauty and Brains—l. Chr. ADAA By-Laws Committee, Eula Mae West, Ky.
3. Standing: President Peterson gets acquainted
4. Past Presidents, Fitting and Shaw, were there too.



Officers and Honored Guests at the Head Table.

The Banquet

On Tuesday night we attended the traditional banquet honoring our President. Never can we remember a more perfect setting for our annual banquet than this one in the Grand Ball Room of the Shelburne Hotel.

Goldia Varga, Chairman, and her co-workers had gone all out to make this evening one of the brightest and most sparkling on the ADAA calendar of entertainment we have attended to date. It was labeled "The American Beauty Banquet," and lived up to its label. The floral arrangements were of dozens of American Beauty Roses; the Officers and honor guests seated at the head table were presented corsages of American Beauty Roses. And the room was filled to capacity, mostly with "American Beauties." Yes, dental assistants from all over this land of America, who cast aside all thoughts of bicuspid and molars, for that evening, dressed in their finery brought, espe-

cially for this eminent occasion of the convention, gathered here to see and be seen. Many had beside them, what we consider a woman's most important accessory, a handsome well dressed gentleman—and this did nothing to detract from the scene as we viewed it from our vantage point.

The program of entertainment was music by the "Conventionaires" and other top-notch performers from the entertainment world. It was gay and sparkling and full of surprises. Even a surprise guest, a doctor from New Jersey, was called upon by the Master of Ceremonies to assist him in a ventriloquist act, which brought waves of laughter and applause from the audience. There was an accomplished violinist, vocalist, and a combination comedian and artist of the miramba; all were outstanding.

Chairman Goldia presented to President Bessie a huge bouquet of American Beauty



1. American Beauty Roses, and a tribute to the Guest of Honor.

2. A Group of Honored Invited Guests.

3., 4. Leis of Orchids, expressions of friendship from Hawaii.

5. A Smiling Trio—l. to r., Pres.-Elect, Kulstad; Retiring Pres., Peterson; Treasurer, Darling.



roses and paid tribute to her in a clever arrangement of verse so fitting for the occasion. The American Beauty rose is Bessie's favorite flower, and our cameraman was on hand to capture expressions of the happiness this evening provided our guest of honor.

Our Hawaiian delegate, Annie Kerr, assisted this time by her Doctor Dawe, presented the beautiful leis of orchids from the islands, in a ceremony which has become an important part of our banquet

programs for the past few years, and which never ceases to provide a thrill for all who receive them.

Throughout the evening the Conventionaires played various state songs, each one bringing a rousing cheer from the delegates and guests from the various states who were, in most instances, seated together in groups. There was not a dull moment in this evening, which again was voted the top spot on the convention's entertainment program.

Changes In The Directory Of ADA Officers

CHANGES OF OFFICERS

SO. CALIF.—Harbor District DAS—Cor. Secretary, Bettye Watkins, 2512 No. 14th Street, Long Beach.

SO. CALIF.—Whittier DAS—Pres.—Isabel Hall, 13546 Lakeland Road, Whittier; Rec. Sec.—Mildred Vest, 522 N. Haviland, Whittier.

CONNECTICUT DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION—Pres.—Jan Duff, 581 Terryville Ave., Bristol; Sec.—Gladys Reid, 257 Main Street, Bristol.

CONNECTICUT—Hartford Co. DAA—Pres.—Mary Buckely, 62 Connecticut Blvd., East Hartford; Sec.—Joan Ives, 11 Roberts Street, Newington.

CONNECTICUT—New Haven Co. DAA—Pres.—Nancy Shepard, Cherry Hill Road, Branford; Sec.—Ann Slavin, 93 Main St., West Haven, Conn.

CONNECTICUT—Bristol DAA—Pres.—Margery Bigos, RFD No. Hill Road, Torrington; Sec.—Verna Lauper, 69 Rosen Ave., Torrington, Conn.

CONNECTICUT—Fairfield Co. DAA—Pres.—Barbara Wolpert, Riverview Court, Box 183, Glenville; Sec.—Josephine Buca, 41 Alexander St., Greenwich.

ILLINOIS—Western Ill. DAS—Pres.—Edith Brown, 414 Bondi Bldg., Galesburg; Sec.—Gladys Morehead, 414 Bondi Bldg., Galesburg.

IOWA STATE DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION—Secretary—Margaret Brandhorst, 412A West Fourth Street, Waterloo.

MAINE DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION—Pres.—Anne G. Billings, 36 Knox St., Thomaston; Sec.—Jean Whitten, 217 High Street, Belfast.

MICHIGAN—Southwestern DAS—Pres.—Beverly Niemann, 22265 Garrison Ave., Dearborn; Sec.—Jane Gagne, 760 Harmon,

Birmingham.

MISSISSIPPI—Meridian DAS—Pres.—Louise McCarra, 1525 16th Ave., Meridian; Sec.—Doris Sumrall, 2210½ 16th Street, Meridian.

MONTANA—Yellowstone Dist.—Sec.—Rena Wilcox, c/o Dr. M. J. Booth, 803 N. 29th St., Billings.

NORTH CAROLINA—Greensboro DAS—Pres.—Mary Benton, 811 North Elm Street, Greensboro.

OREGON—Lane Co. DAS—Pres.—Gertrude Mourer, 1108 W. 10th, Eugene; Sec.—Betty Stroud, 117 Quincy Street, Cottage Grove.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION—Pres.—Mildred J. Frederick, 921 Birch Street, Reading; Sec.—Margie Baernkopf, R.D. 1, Robesonia, Penna.

TENNESSEE—Second Dist. DAS—Pres.—Dorothy Green, 314 Florida Ave., Oak Ridge.

TEXAS—Fort Worth Dist. DAS—Pres.—Ruth Kelly, 4000 6th Ave., Fort Worth.

VIRGINIA—Lynchburg DAS—Pres.—Ann Morris, 4621 Greenwood Drive, Lynchburg. Louise Gardner, 620 Euclid Avenue, Lynchburg.

WEST VIRGINIA DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION—Sec.—Dorothy Oldham, 704 Security Bldg., Charleston.

WISCONSIN—Wausau DAS—Pres.—Ruth Kamke, 230½ Third Street, Wausau; Sec.—Bernie Mohr, 328½ Third Street, Wausau.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

COLORADO—Denver DAS—Pres.—Gretchen Kitzler, 663 South High, Denver.

VIRGINIA State Dental Assistants Association—Sec.—Margaret White, 4802 Leonard Parkway, Richmond.

The A.D.A.A. Official Representative Reports

on the twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Ontario Dental Nurses and Assistants Association.

As your official representative to the Ontario Dental Nurses and Assistants held in the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Canada, May 13-16, 1956, it is my pleasure to give you a résumé of the highlights and to share with you my happy memories of the hospitality of our sister group in Canada.

Sunday, May 13th I was a guest at the Board of Governor's Luncheon at the beautiful Golf Club at Labton, Ontario, a two-hour scenic drive from Toronto. The luncheon was given by Mr. Jack Tavish, President of the National Refining Company of Toronto. Sunday afternoon we attended the reception given for the members and guests with the Hamilton Affiliated Association acting as hostesses. In the evening we attended a delightful Musicale in the lovely roof garden of the hotel, arranged by members of the Ontario Dental Association.

Monday, 9 a.m.—Registration, call to order, Invocation, greetings and introductions of guests followed by a full day of scientific lectures and table clinics. During Table Clinic Session I was honored to be asked to serve as one of the Judges together with Dr. W. J. Dunn, Editor of the Canadian Dental Journal, and the retired Dean of the College.

Monday evening the twenty-fifth anniversary banquet was held in the Crystal Ballroom, honoring President Irene Pollock. At this banquet several awards were made followed by professional entertainment; a truly delightful evening.

Tuesday, 9 a.m.—Call to order, followed by the annual business meeting, and the lovely candlelight installation service. I had the honor to preside at the Table

of Friendship during the installation ceremony. Following the scientific lectures on Tuesday was an informal dinner for all members.

Wednesday, 9 a.m.—Call to order, then the showing of a most interesting movie of life in Newfoundland, Canada's newest province. This movie told about the service rendered the people living there, receiving dental care from a mobile dental unit. This was followed by the Annual Luncheon, when final trophies were presented and a paper entitled "A Quarter Century of Service and Progress" was given. An outstanding event of the luncheon was the presentation of the twenty-five year gold pin to sixteen members of the ODN&AA. The afternoon of Wednesday was spent in the Table Clinic Room where clinics were given by Doctors and Nurses and Assistants which climaxed my enjoyable visit to Canada.

On Tuesday afternoon I presented a paper entitled "The Choice We Make." This paper was published in the Bulletin of the Canadian Dental Nurses and Assistants Association. It was also requested by Gladys Cochran for publication in the Bulletin of the College.

Evelyn Smith, President of the English speaking Dental Assistants Association of Montreal, Canada, expressed to me the wish that the American Dental Assistants Association might find it possible to send a representative to one of their annual meetings, usually held in October.

I appreciate the honor of representing the ADAA at this meeting.

Submitted by:

HELEN FITTING, *Past President*,
Honorary Life Member, ADAA.

"Why I Chose to Become a Dental Assistant"

Excerpts from letters of Applicants for J.A.S. Scholarship Award

"Lucky for me, on my first visit to the dentist, there was a kind and capable dental assistant who made a good impression upon me. This impression has lasted to today and is one of the reasons for my wanting to become a dental assistant. Since then I have visited a great many dental offices and have taken notice of the various tasks that the assistant performs. These duties are interesting in their nature and variety and I look forward to the time that I will be performing them. Most appealing to me is the fact that I will be working with people and helping them; I can't imagine a more gratifying work."

In the role of dental assistant "I would have the prestige of a profession, the chance to think for myself, the diversity of something new every day, and most of all I would have the opportunity of working with people and helping to do them a very important and beneficial service."

"The field of dental assisting is rapidly growing. There is great opportunity for young ladies to serve the public. I have always desired to help those in need. The role of a dental assistant fulfills this desire."

"To me, dental assisting is a career to which one can point with justifiable pride. After carefully considering other professions as a possible career I chose dental assisting because its difference sets it apart from other types of work. As in nursing you are concerned with your patient's health. In your position you are able to explain to them the importance of their teeth and mouth hygiene in relationship to their physical and mental well-

being. The basic duties are chairside assisting, diplomat, housekeeper, and office manager. Other professions generally do not require such a variety of responsibilities which makes this even more challenging."

"As a potential dental assistant my hopes are very high in being of service to the public by becoming an efficient, near and courteous dental assistant. To me, a vocation such as this could be most satisfying as well as enjoyable."

"I am entering the field of dental assisting because I enjoy working for people in addition to working with them. It is because of this factor that I am certain I will obtain a great deal of satisfaction working as a dental assistant. To me, dental assisting is one field where a girl can be of real use to mankind if she is willing to put a lot of time and effort into her work. I realize that being proficient in one's position entails a large amount of physical and mental exertion but I feel that the rewards one receives, in the gratefulness of the people you have served, makes the hard work well worth the effort. I sincerely feel that dental assisting has a lot to offer any girl, especially with the excellent future that seems to lie ahead for anyone entering into this field."

"The field of dentistry has always been of interest to me. Since I have been taking the Dental Assistants Course I realize what an asset the assistant is to the dentist. I am looking forward to working in this interesting and rewarding profession."

Virginia Hoffman, Chairman
J.A.S. Scholarship Committee

A Reader's Contribution

Some months ago Ruth Boyd, assistant to Dr. L. D. Hyde of Rupert, Idaho, sent us the following, which Dr. Hyde had clipped from a newspaper twenty-five years ago. Perhaps some of us could use it in our program of educating the denture patient. At any rate it is amusing.—EDITOR.

"Probably the strangest pair of false teeth in America belong to Reddy Homan, who boasts uppers and lowers made of real bear's teeth set in plates that have been fashioned out of concrete. Homan, who recently returned to New York after working two years for a British logging outfit in Alaska, says that his unique snappers were made by an ingenious backwoods Blacksmith. Homan insists that his makeshift molars function excellently, and now that he is back home has no intention of buying any honest-to-goodness store teeth.

"I'll admit these teeth are a little conspicuous when I grin, but what's the harm in that?" he asks.

The story of how this strapping lumberjack got his new grinders is as strange as the teeth themselves.

"One morning I woke up with a devil of a toothache," he recalled. "My teeth have always been soft and poor and I knew the time had come for me to pay for my past neglect. I knew I wouldn't get any relief until I had 'em all out, upstairs and down. So, Pete Pomerleau, a Frenchman from Quebec, who was the camp

Blacksmith, agreed to pull the aching molars. For anesthetic all I could do was get drunk, so, when I was thoroughly plastered Pete went to work with his pliers. It was like a bad dream. When I came to I didn't know which ached worse, my jaws or my head. I rinsed my mouth with salt water and lived on soup for a week. But I couldn't live on soup forever, so Pete told me to shoot a young bear so he could make me a set of teeth, and I soon brought one in. Pete took an impression of my gums on a big wad of spruce gum and then made two plates out of cement.

"Before these cement plates hardened he stuck into them an upper and lower row of bear teeth, and darned if they didn't look pretty good. He did a lot of filing and grinding on a small emery wheel, and then handed me the finished article. The teeth hurt a little at first, but he kept polishing 'em up until at last I believe they fitted as well as most false teeth do, and I found I could chew on 'em fine. Before I left camp I ate a lot of not-so-tender bear meat steaks with my bear's teeth."

ONLY A DENTAL ASSISTANT!

By DELILAH M. CORBUL, Renville, Minnesota

She is personable, well dressed and well groomed. She has an attractive voice and a pleasant manner. She is calm, cheerful, trustworthy, efficient. She has poise, tact, dignity and intelligence.

Who is this paragon among women, this pearl of a great price? She is a well-trained dental assistant!

This is the way dental assistants are supposed to be. Amazingly enough, this is the way they are. Not all of them, of course, but a pretty fair percentage. No matter what their defects and shortcomings in private life, they manage, while on the job, to maintain a standard of behavior which no man in his wildest

dreams would dare to expect from any other person he knows.

There are more than fifty-five thousand women in the dental assistant field in the United States today. It is becoming one of the most popular jobs for women and certainly it is one of the most satisfying from a great many angles.

Few other occupations for women have gained as much in professional prestige during recent years. Cartoon jokes to the contrary, the place of a dental assistant today, is at her doctor's side as a respected and trusted assistant.

"A dental assistant is working side by side with her doctor in the producing of dentistry. She assumes the role of understudy and is capable of accepting and carrying out her doctor's instructions."

Psychologists tell us that nothing makes a woman happier than to feel useful and needed. If this is true, then the average dental assistant should be "Jolly as a Cricket," because in this modern world there is probably no other single occupation becoming as indispensable as ours. Of course, where there is a dental assistant there must be a doctor. Doctors have a tough time getting along without their dental assistant, as anyone knows who has ever witnessed one floundering around pitifully in his office on the days when his dental assistant is out sick.

The new category of Certified Dental Assistants has done much to establish a high professional level. There are now more than 4,000 Certified Dental Assistants in the United States, as a result of the program started in 1948.

It has been pointed out that dental assistant's job is a stepping stone to something bigger and better. The people who emphasize this often fail to take into consideration the fact that to be a dental assistant is an eminently worthwhile career in itself. I get a little tired of hearing how you can start out as a dental assistant and work your way into something else. That may be true enough, but what is wrong with starting out as a

dental assistant and staying a dental assistant.

One of the reasons why the job of dental assisting appeals to women is its irresistible challenge to the feminine flair for human relationships. "The dental assistant is the diplomat of the business world. She occupies a position of trust and must always use the utmost discretion. She must be able to combine the best technical skills with psychology—and do it with a smile."

Translated, this means that when an angry patient telephones and reprimands you with an eloquence unequalled to something out of this world, you must not only take down his complaint accurately, but you must also be able to calm him and convince him that whatever went wrong was no fault of your doctor.

Intuition and tact are as important a part of our equipment as the speed with which you place your set-ups and do your clean-ups. So is your ability to get along with another human being in the curiously interdependent and unique relationship which is that of a dental assistant and her doctor.

A dental assistant gets to know a great deal about her doctor's private life, his health, his hobbies, his moods, his nerves, his weaknesses, and his virtues. She is much like a secretary in that she keeps track of his dental meetings, she reminds him of important dates—such as his wife's birthday and his annual metabolism test; and in a pinch she could even place a bet.

The diversity of her duties is part of the fun. I once knew an assistant whose first job every morning was to help her boss do the crossword puzzle in his newspaper. Some do all their doctor's gift shopping, others are called on for everything from apartment hunting to stamp collecting. The average dental assistant gets to know her doctor so well that she acts as his alter ego and can step in and do practically everything for him—except dentistry.

"It means doing things *his* way; it

means taking orders and executing them the *first* time you are asked. It means anticipating him: you produce the instruments before he asks for it. It means using his *per* expressions, not yours in the letters you write for him."

This is the sort of a relationship a woman can excel in and enjoy in a way few men ever could. As a general rule, a dental assistant has a feeling of loyalty to her doctor and an identification with him. After all, his work IS her work.

One of the most appealing aspects of any dental assistant job is the excitement of being on the inside of things. Many secrets are in your keeping. Everything that happens in the office—to your doctor—is to be kept confidential. We must not betray the confidence our doctor places in us. Many unpleasant things can happen if "we talk too much." We must follow a strict code of ethics in being a

dental assistant, whatever happens in a dental office; whatever the patient says or does; whatever doctor says or does; is not to be talked about.

Aside from the foregoing satisfactions there is one big economic reason for dental assisting—security. A good dental assistant can go almost any place in the world and know that she can get a job. It is also a valuable asset to fall back on, should you ever need it; even after you have retired into private life or changed to another profession.

So you may be "Only a Dental Assistant" but our desire to help people can bring us to attain our goal in the world. Just remember there is always room for—one more GOOD DENTAL ASSISTANT.

(Presented at the annual Dental Assistant Day meeting, St. Paul Minnesota, September 10, 1955.)

From Central Office Wires

Mary L. Martin,
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As we start the 1957 year, we hope that each member will see that her name and address are correctly recorded on the lists of her local society — and we hope that the local and state officers whose duty it is to keep the membership lists, will keep them accurately. There are situations where an error in spelling of a name, and/or a transposition of figures in an address, leave us puzzled as to whether "this is the same person" or "are they two different persons"? If we knew each one of you personally, there would be fewer problems; but with approximately 8500 members (and an equal number of dentist employers), we need all the help that you can give us. You want your membership to be accurately recorded; and so do we.

We have been receiving many contributions to the J.A.S. Relief Fund. Often there is no letter or information in the envelope with the check. We have only the signature and the corner card on the envelope to tell us who is responsible for the gift. Sometimes this is incomplete. We are reasonably good detectives, but if we should interpret the clues wrong, it is just too bad for somebody. Please, girls, give us a note or letter with your check, with the name of your society or association, and your own name and address so that we can be sure to credit and acknowledge it properly.

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EDITORIAL

IT COULD BE DONE!

By DOROTHY H. WILDER
Contributing Editor

Elevating the Dental Assistant to an individual of recognized professional level, wherein the variety of duties performed in a dental office receives justified recognition from the general public, as well as the dental profession, could be accomplished by unified support of well established policies, code of ethics, sincerity of purpose, intelligent long range planning on the local and national level, and probably as important a factor as any—personal effort.

Today's Dental Assistant has traveled and progressed a long way down the road towards successful accomplishment of a great many factors which makes assisting in a dental office quite attractive as a career for anyone seeking to become a part of any activity basically contributing to the welfare of the public.

Progress can be measured in—Better educational programs that have been inaugurated in many public schools and colleges; A better understanding of the duties and objectives of the work itself; A closer relationship and co-operation with dental assistants throughout the nation through attendance at national educational conferences of the American Dental Association; and personal participation in regional and local societies and projects.

A great deal of progress has also been made in developing a closer relationship between the Dental Assistant and many technical factors which are closely allied to the dental profession; A much better understanding exists between public and private health groups, health education groups, children groups, the dental profession itself and the public in general.

For every forward step taken, there remains much more to be done. And this future progress is not just the responsibility of the officers and directors of your local society, or the officers of the National Association, but it is a job for each and every Dental Assistant.

Of course, everyone can not be as spectacular in their effort as is the quarterback, halfback, or fullback on a winning football team, but without a producing front line to pave the way and clear the decks for the backfield—or a completely coordinating "team," few touchdowns could be made and few games won.

Every Dental Assistant is an important member of a great team in America, a team that is sincerely dedicated to human service, health improvement, and a better nation. Each player on this rapidly expending public service team is a vital factor to the overall success of Dental Assisting as a worthwhile profession.

A better understanding by and between all factors involved can and will be accomplished IF every Dental Assistant just makes the effort, it can be a better profession—IT CAN BE DONE!

Views of the NEWS

By ALBERTA REED



*"Welcome joy, and welcome sorrow,
Lethe's weed and Hermes feather;
Come today, and come tomorrow,
I do love you both together!
Dancing music, music sad,
Both together, sane and mad;
Laugh and sigh, and laugh again,
Oh the sweetness of the pain!"*

With these lines from the pen of John Keats, I set the mood for these final words I write to you. I have discarded the editorial "we" as I say farewell to a host of precious friends. I cannot find adequate words to express what the friendship of each one of you has meant to me. My life has been deeply and beautifully enriched by my great good fortune—the opportunity to serve as your "News" editor. I feel a curious mixture of pain and pleasure as I say goodbye and commend to you the capable and willing hands of your new editor, Marion Small. God bless you, everyone!

SECOND DISTRICT

News from New York

The First District Dental Assistants Society of New York, Inc., opened its fall season with a dinner meeting at the Hotel Statler in December. Members Eldora Moore and Kathleen McNamara presented their informative clinic entitled "The Dental Assistant and Sterilization in the Office." This society is participating with the Second District Study Club in the Extension Study Course.

The November meeting of the Second District Study Club of Brooklyn brought the annual nomination and election of officers. This program also presented an interesting and enlightening discussion on "The Workings of National, State and Local Groups." President Ann DeMeo has issued invitations to all members to attend the Grand Installation of Officers and Gala Christmas Party to be held in December. At this time, the membership

prepares gifts to be distributed to hospital patients.

The members of the Richmond County Dental Assistants Society are bursting with pride over the plaque awarded them by the Williams Gold Refining Company for the society's increase in new members. The October meeting of this society featured a lecture by Dr. Sidney Mandell on "Office Hints to Aid the Dental Assistant" and concluded with an impressive capping ceremony at the Walker Park Club House. Congratulations are in order for Iris Poller, Rita Maguire, Blanche Costello, Ray DeLucia, Josephine Fiore, Virginia Egbert, Erika Danty and Poppy Rasmussen, who received their caps and certificates. The November meeting was held at the Medical Arts Building, Staten Island, and presented guest speaker Dr. Eugene Atlas lecturing on "Thumb Sucking . . . From the Dental Viewpoint." December brings the annual Christmas Party to be held at the residence of Anna Schiele.

The Buffalo Dental Assistants Society presented Dr. Hoyt DeKleine and his lecture on "Plastic Surgery After Cleft Palate Operation" at the October meeting. The November meeting was held at the Williams Gold Company and presented Dr. Murray Klauber and his talk on "Simplified Orthodontics for Dental Assistants." The December meeting will feature guest speaker Dr. Richard Johnson and his lecture entitled "Oral Surgery."

The Elmira Dental Assistants Society held its November dinner meeting at the Mark Twain Hotel and then moved to the Blue Goose Gift Shop where proprietor Mrs. Ira Smith presented a fine demonstration and talk on "Ways and Means of Gift Wrapping." The annual Christmas Party will be held in December at the Mark Twain Hotel.

The Triple Cities Dental Assistants Society is anticipating an exciting dinner meeting at the Hotel Frederick, Endicott, N. Y., in November when one of the Community Ambassadors to Europe will address its membership. The December meeting, to be held at the Hotel Frederick, will celebrate the annual "Doctors' Night" at which time clinics and posters will be presented and the annual Christmas Party will conclude this meeting. State President Bernadine Brekka extends sin-

cerest Holiday Greetings to dental assistants everywhere! Lee Taras is the able reporter for New York State and I send her a special farewell for her faithful contributions during my entire tenure as Editor.

News from New Jersey

It was a real pleasure to meet Margaret Volpe, New Jersey Reporter, in Atlantic City. She writes that the Essex County Dental Assistants Society opened its fall activities in September with an interesting and informative clinic presented by Dr. Robert Bonda. The October meeting presented guest speaker Dr. Lawrence Kocher and his lecture on "Practice Management." And I would add here my praise to the accolade accruing to the New Jersey girls for their gracious hospitality throughout the recent National Meeting in Atlantic City!

THIRD DISTRICT

News from Ohio

The Akron Dental Assistants Society paid honor to its newly certified members when Lillian Hoffman, ADAA Past President, conducted an impressive capping ceremony. Those girls receiving caps and certificates were Imogene Brubaker, Delores Oberg, Emogene Anderson, Pauline Holb, Shirley Ann Garey, Lydia Brandenstein and Ethel Prather. Congratulations, girls! The September meeting was held at the Sheraton-Mayflower Hotel and presented an interesting program when Frances Peck, Charter Member and ADAA Life Member, talked on "History of the Akron Dental Assistants Society" and Dr. Michael S. Marcey showed the film entitled "Dental Assistants — Their Effective Utilization." Our thanks to Ethel Prather for this news.

Catherine Dobias, President of the Lorain County Dental Assistants Society, reports the beginning of its first Extension Study Course under the able direction of its Education Committee, Gladys Hopkins, Pat Lauffer and Chris Wier, assisted by the wholehearted cooperation of their doctors. At the last meeting of this group, host Dr. N. A. Rubel presented his pictures and talk on his recent trip to Europe. Good luck in your studies, girls!

The Stark County Dental Assistants Society opened its fall meetings with a dinner meeting in the Onesto Hotel, Canton. Guest speaker Dr. T. K. Reed presented his lecture on "Hypnodontia and the Dental Assistant" and concluded his presentation with a clinical demonstration. The October meeting of this group brought an enlightening lecture on "Diet and Nutrition" by the Stark County Milk Producers Association and Education Chairman Beverly Gallon announced the beginning of the Sixth Extension Study Course for this group. In November a dinner meeting was held at the St. Francis Hotel and an interesting film and lecture on "Civil Defense"

was presented by the Canton Chapter of Civil Defense. In December, this society will celebrate its annual "Help A Family" night.

News from Pennsylvania

Marcia Hankin, Third District Reporter, sent news of a recent meeting of the York Dental Assistants Society held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Michael Bowser. The plans for the Pre-state Meeting in Bedford, Pa., and the National Meeting in Atlantic City were completed and were followed by a lecture entitled "Hypnosis in Dentistry" presented by Dr. Henry Diller of Lancaster.

News from Maryland

Joan Barry is the capable Reporter for the Baltimore City Dental Assistants Society and writes of the impressive meeting held for the installation of new officers with Dr. Edward D. Stone, Jr., serving as Installing Officer and assisted by Dr. Edward J. Hoffman and Dr. Michael Kozubski. Dr. Stone then presented an inspiring talk entitled "Dental Assistants, Whither?" This meeting concluded with the pledging of new members, with Mildred Cooper officially welcoming Elizabeth Griffith, Gloria Porter, Margaret Shriver, Betty Jean Socha, Barbara Suit and Donna Sexton. It was announced that all 17 members completing the Extension Study Course had successfully passed the Certification Examination. Congratulations, girls! The next meeting of this group presented guest speaker Dr. Aaron Schaeffer lecturing on "The Child in the Dental Practice."

FOURTH DISTRICT

News from Alabama

The Birmingham Dental Assistants Society is glowing with pride in Member Grace Browning, recently elected Fourth District Trustee for ADAA. May I add my congratulations, Grace? The Extension Study Course is well under way in this group and the following studies have been completed: Dr. Perry Hitchcock talked on "Dental Anatomy," Dr. Thomas Jones on "Anesthesia and Oral Surgery," Dr. A. Rizzo on "Dental Pathology," Dr. W. Rupert Bodden on "Bacteriology and Sterilization" and Dr. Robert Freeman on "Dental Roentgenology." The November meeting of this group will take the form of a party in honor of "The Man of Their Working Hours" and his wife. The annual Christmas Party will come in December as well as the Certification Examination for those dental assistants who completed their studies.

The Dothan Dental Assistants Society held its November meeting as a preview of the table clinics, papers and posters to be presented at the State Meeting. It was announced with great pride that the following girls had passed their Certification Examination: Betty Adkins, Louise Woodham, Robbie Trawick, Syble Taylor, Annie Laura Messer, Lorraine Glausier, Delores Snellgrove, Sarah Snell,

Lenora Faulk, Betty Pugh, Mary Frances Banks, Eugenia Rogers, Ann McGriff, Evelyn Green, Mamie McCormick and Grace Ingram. Warmest congratulations to these girls! The December meeting will be the annual Christmas Party.

The Fifth District Dental Assistants Society has laid the ground work and is ready to begin its first Extension Study Course in Anniston. At the October meeting, guest speaker Dr. Frank Weaver presented an interesting "Review of Dentistry" and reminded these dental assistants that "along with General Electric, progress is one of our most important products." The November meeting presented Mr. John Fortner of Fortner Dental Laboratory speaking on "General Procedure of Laboratory Work" and the December meeting will be the occasion for the annual "Bosses Night and Christmas Party."

The Cullman Dental Assistants Society has been working hard on membership and extends a warm welcome to new members Ann Daniel, Berna Dean Whaley and Magdalene Trimble.

The Mobile Dental Assistants Society opened its fall season with the annual "Bosses Night" in September. Dr. Louis Naman was guest speaker. A warm welcome was extended new members Martha Tant and Ann Roberson.

The Sixth District Dental Assistants Society held an interesting meeting at the Musgrove Country Club, Jasper, when Dr. Adeeb E. Thomas, Assoc. Professor of Dentistry, University of Alabama, presented his talk on "Dental Materials." Honored guests at this meeting included Dr. Taylor W. Hamilton, Huntsville, and Dr. and Mrs. Orland Rice, Birmingham. The meeting concluded with the election of new officers.

The Second District Dental Assistants Society (formerly the Montgomery society) has completed a 12-hour course on "Dental X-ray" with an enrollment of 35 girls. Expressions of gratitude were extended Instructor Sgt. Jim Williamson of Gunter Air Force Base and Mr. Emmett Jones of Crutcher Dental Supply Co., who assisted him for their fine efforts. Our thanks go to Phyllis Weaver for this fine report.

News from Florida

Since the Miami District Dental Assistants Society continues its search for knowledge throughout the summer, much has happened since we last heard from them. In August, a dinner meeting at the Ocean Ranch Hotel presented guest speaker Dr. Jacob Neber who spoke on "Oral Manifestations of Blood Diseases." Expressions of gratitude were extended to Dr. Charles Oxar through whose efforts the Salk Polio Vaccine was made available to the members of this society. A warm welcome was extended new members Maria Cloutier, Diana Stanton, Lucille Bruce and

Joan Carol Brooker. The September dinner meeting was held at the Robert Clay Hotel and the guest speaker was Dr. R. Cherry who spoke on "Oral Surgery." Again the Robert Clay was the scene for the October dinner meeting when an interesting lecture was presented by Dr. George Balber on "The Cleft Palate." Vicki Rimm and "The Explorer" were the sources of this interesting report.

FIFTH DISTRICT

News from West Virginia

With a reluctant farewell to retiring Fifth District Reporter Blanche M. Carte, we report that the 9th Annual Meeting of the West Virginia State Dental Assistants Association conferred Honorary Membership on Blanche Carte, the new Membership Trophy given by the Past Presidents' Council was awarded the Huntington Dental Assistants Society, the Poster Trophy also was won by Huntington for Carolyn Baumgardner's poster entitled "Check-up Time," the Clinic Trophy was awarded Lillian Ashcraft of Fairmont for "Assisting in Oral Surgery" and the Attendance Trophy went to the Blennerhassett Dental Assistants Society.

The Huntington Dental Assistants Society got off to a good start with a dinner meeting held at the Hotel Frederick at which time the new officers were installed with an appropriate ceremony.

The Wheeling Dental Assistants Society followed suit at the first meeting when it installed its new officers following dinner.

The Blennerhassett Dental Assistants Society held its installation meeting in the offices of Dr. D. E. Gallagher and Dr. Frank Young. With Florence Ransom serving as Installing Officer and Dr. Edrie Lohri as Conducting Officer, the traditional candlelight ceremony was used. The meeting concluded with a tour of the Doctors' offices.

The Marion County Dental Assistants Society witnessed the installation of its new officers with Dr. Claude Layman serving as Installing Officer and Dr. Walter Brown as Conducting Officer.

SIXTH DISTRICT

News from Wisconsin

Welcome to Shirlee Jennings, President of the Dane County Dental Assistants Society, Madison, Wis., who writes that her society opened its fall season in September with a meeting held at the Towne Club, Madison. Mary Reublin, Secretary of the society, presented an interesting talk entitled "A Mental Patient as a Dental Patient." The November meeting again was held at the Towne Club and presented guest speakers Mr. Robert Schoberg and Mr. Ralph Hillner of the Williams Dental Laboratory with their talk and movies on "Laboratory Procedures." This

meeting also featured the celebration of the Juliette A. Southard Birthday Party.

News from Illinois

Aldine Bevers, Publicity Chairman, sends news of the fall activities of the Chicago Dental Assistants Association. The first meeting was held in September at the Palmer House and presented guest speaker Dr. E. W. Luebke. This meeting was concluded with an impressive capping ceremony for the members of the 5th Extension Study Class who were Carole A. Bauer, Frances Diener, Sara Diliberto, Betty Enocksen, Lucille Fitzjarrald, Lillian Gough, Agnes J. Hansen, Vaara T. Hein, Doreen Knight, Ursula Larko, Peggy Lee, Florence Lowenstein, Henrietta Rueff, Sandra Schweikle and Barbara Wright. Congratulations, girls, for a job well done! The October meeting of this group featured the lecture of Dr. F. Hanagan entitled "Orthodontia in the General Practice." In November, guest speaker was Dr. S. H. Yale who lectured on "Radiology for the Dental Assistant." And December will bring the annual Christmas Party to be held at the Palmer House. Thanks, Aldine!

Another new "baby" has been born in Illinois — its name is the Centralia Dental Assistants Society! Welcome — good luck — and keep growing! Through the untiring efforts of Julia Netherton, Edna Holtslaw, State President Margaret Crosby and their Board of Advisors, the organizational meeting was accomplished in July. At this meeting the Advisors presented interesting and helpful talks including Dr. R. C. Baldwin on "How an Organization for Dental Assistants Helps the Dentist," Dr. J. A. Langenfeld on "How to Make an Organization for Dental Assistants Function" and Dr. R. R. Baldridge on "The Advantages of Better Educated Dental Assistants." Then, in September, the new officers of this new society were installed in a beautiful candlelight ceremony with State President Margaret Crosby serving as Installing Officer, State Publicity Chairman Juanita Little as Conducting Officer and with State 3rd Vice President Helen Knoedler and Lottie Healy Jackson presiding at the Table of Friendship. Honored guests at this meeting included the Advisors and their wives and Dr. G. W. Baldwin, Dr. N. E. Garrison, Dr. R. F. Kasten and Dr. Michael Zibby and their wives. The November meeting of this group presented an interesting program featuring guest speaker Grace Allen, Manager of the Centralia Credit Bureau, and her talk on "Credit Problems of the Dentist." Concluding this fine meeting was an open discussion period when each dental assistant present described her "Time-saving Tips."

The Eastern Illinois Dental Assistants Society opened its fall activities with a picnic and Juliette A. Southard Birthday Party.

Special recognition was accorded its members, Audrey Hacker, Jerry Groben, Bobby Milone, Katherine Spieler, Connie Slaughter, Juanita Doeding, Pearlene Weber and Marge Watkins, who recently received their caps and certificates. Congratulations and best wishes to each of you!

The Fox River Valley Dental Assistants Society opened its fall meetings in September and presented guest speaker Mr. C. W. Burke of the General Electric Co., who spoke on "Problems of Dental Radiography." The October meeting brought an interesting lecture entitled "The Dental Assistant's Role in Oral Surgical Procedures" given by Dr. Richard Verbic of Elgin. And November featured a most interesting talk by Dr. Joseph Wadkins of Aurora on the subject of "Psychology and Its Application to Dentistry." The December meeting will celebrate the annual Christmas Party.

The Quincy Dental Assistants Society held an impressive capping ceremony to mark a special event, the capping of its President, Nancy Burchette. 100% certification of its membership was achieved that night, with Dr. James R. Reed presenting the certificate, Education Chairman, Esta Mae Morse presenting the cap, Joanne Purpus bringing the welcoming address, Florence McNeff the invocation and Evelyn Frankenhoff the certification address. Our congratulations go to Nancy and her society! The September meeting of this group presented an interesting lecture on "Hypnotism" by Dr. James Haffer and, being its Anniversary Month, doctors and non-member dental assistants were honored guests. In October, this group will hear a representative of the Ritter Company present an address.

The Rock Island District Dental Assistants Society got off to a flying start when it presented guest speaker Mrs. Kenneth Nipp at its September meeting. Mrs. Nipp's subject was "Analysis in Handwriting." Prospective members were honored guests at this meeting. "Doctors' Night" was celebrated at the October meeting and the program presented dealt with "First Aid in the Dental Office." In November, the members heard a splendid symposium on "Public Relations and Team Work in the Office" presented by their Advisors, Dr. Kenneth Gibson, Dr. Kenneth Johnson and Dr. Clarence Ortman. December will bring the annual Christmas Party.

The Rockford Dental Assistants Society presented a fine lecture by Mrs. Ruth Huggins, Dental Economist Advisor to this group, at its October meeting. In November, they heard an informative talk given by a representative of the Medical Protective Co. Special recognition was accorded Polly Laude Rowland, State 2nd Vice President, for attending the National Meeting in Atlantic City and presenting her winning clinic "Maintaining Inventory." The

educational program being presented in the public schools by these girls is well under way under the direction of Diane Hoffman and Kathy Mueller.

The Springfield Dental Assistants Society opened its fall season by presenting guest speaker Dr. Jerry Millhon who addressed its members in September on "Oral Surgery." The October meeting presented Mr. Bick of the Illinois Bell Telephone Co. who talked on "The Telephone and Your Office." In November, a representative of the Springfield Credit Bureau showed an excellent film entitled "Collections."

The members of the Western Illinois Dental Assistants Society say a big "thank you" to the Rovane Dental Supply Co. for the gift of a "Food Fund." At the opening meeting in September, the members came prepared to purchase their picnic suppers and all the proceeds from the supper went to the Juliette A. Southard Relief Fund. This meeting also featured a "Get Acquainted" theme for prospective members. The October meeting presented Mr. M. N. Jacobs of the Jacobs Dental Supply Co. who talked on "Care of the Handpiece." An encouraging report of the Extension Study Course under way for these girls revealed that the subjects of Dental Anatomy, Dental Pathology, Anesthesia, Dental Roentgenology and Impression Materials and Models have been completed under the instructions of Dr. Lee Sharp, Dr. Thomas and Dr. Carmen of Galesburg and Dr. R. H. Smith of Macomb. Keep up the good work, girls! And many thanks to the enthusiastic and capable Publicity Chairman, Juanita Little!

News from Michigan

The Southwestern Dental Assistants Society, Dearborn, got its fall program under way with a meeting held at the Bungalow Cafe in September. This meeting featured a talk on "Aims, Purpose and Advantages of Organization" and the introduction of sponsors. The October meeting presented guest speaker Dr. Alvin Feldman, Chiropodist, with a fine talk on the "Care of Your Feet." In November, the members heard Dr. R. C. Cording and Dr. W. A. Gregory present an interesting lecture on "Periodontia." And December will bring a talk by a representative of the Madison Dental Supply Co. on "New Techniques in Hydrocolloid." Helen Bushman is Publicity Chairman for this busy group.

News from Indiana

Frances Dickinson, Indiana Publicity Chairman, reports that the Extension Study Course got under way in September under the direction of Education Chairman Alice Krick for the members of the Indianapolis Dental Assistants Society. The regular September meeting of this group celebrated the annual Juliette A. Southard Birthday Party.

SEVENTH DISTRICT *News from North Dakota*

The Grand Forks Dental Assistants Society held its September meeting in the office of Dr. H. D. Rovelstad and Dr. R. C. Fagerlund and its members heard a fine talk on "Tooth-brushing Technic" given by Dr. Rovelstad. Plans for a rummage sale were completed at this meeting. This news comes from the perennial reporter from this area, Ellen Welsh. Thanks, Ellen! State Secretary, Marjorie Pape sends news of the Certification Examination held in Grand Forks under the supervision of Dr. Harold Foley, Education Chairman Ellen Welsh and Vice Chairman Gertrude McDonald. The good news that all girls passed has been received and congratulations are in order for Gloria Brunsvoold and Marjorie Pape of Grand Forks and Ella Haney of Jamestown. Good luck, girls!

News from South Dakota

Merle Andrews, State Publicity Chairman, reports on the fine service rendered by the South Dakota Dental Assistants Association at the Dental Health Exhibit Booth during the South Dakota State Fair in Huron in September.

News from Minnesota

The Minneapolis Dental Assistants Society celebrated Dental Assistants' Day in September. The day started with a luncheon at which time Dr. Wittich of the University of Minnesota presented an outstanding talk on "Children's Dentistry." The second speaker was Miss Ramona Sederberg, Administrative Dietician of St. Mary's Hospital, who brought a fine talk on "Nutrition in Oral Hygiene."

The St. Cloud Study Club opened its fall season with a fine program on "Child Psychology." The members of this group worked hard to make the West Central District Convention a success and presented outstanding speakers, including Dr. Wm. A. Jordan on "The Role of the Dental Hygienists and Assistants in Dental Public Health" and Lucille Heinen, Cosmetologist, speaking on "Personal Grooming." The impressive installation service was conducted by Stella Peterson of Minneapolis as Installing Officer, Til Bremer of Minneapolis as Conducting Officer and Helen Tucker of St. Paul presided at the Table of Friendship. Honored guest at this meeting was State President Delilah Corbul. Thanks to Pat Fitzgerald, Seventh District Reporter, for these reports.

News from Nebraska

The West District Dental Assistants Society, Chadron, Nebraska, began its fall activities with a meeting held in the office of Dr. A. B. DeCastor, Hay Springs. Copies of the booklet "The Dentist's Diplomat," a gift to the society by Mr. Taboux Tucker, were distributed to each member by President Ellen Brotherson. Hazel Mullins presented an interesting talk on

"Check Your Doctor's Time" and read an article from the ADA Journal on "How Much Work the Dental Assistant Does." The September meeting was a dinner meeting at Colacino's Supper Club after which the members traveled to the office of Dr. T. P. Mullins, Chadron. Verna Konrath presented a paper entitled "The Fluoridation Scare" and a warm welcome was extended new member Joyce Dewitt. Plans were completed for the District Dental Meeting to be held at Scott's Bluff in the near future. We are indebted to Gay Kieffe, Secretary-Treasurer, for this news.

NINTH DISTRICT

News from Oregon

Billie Berg, Press Chairman for the Portland District Dental Assistants Society, reports her society opened its fall program in September when guest speaker, Dr. Boyd Sprague presented an interesting talk on "The Handicapped Patient." It was announced that State President Lucy Hartman would serve as delegate to the National Meeting in Atlantic City. A matter of pride to this society was the dedication of the new Dental College in Portland. 15 dental Assistants were certified in September at this new college. Congratulations, girls!

TENTH DISTRICT

News from Colorado

Betty Jane Armagost, State President-elect of the Colorado Dental Assistants Association, writes of the highly successful State Meeting held in the Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Springs, in September. This is Colorado's 7th Annual Meeting and it presented a fine "X-ray Seminar" conducted by the Ritter Company and an invitation from the doctors to share in a meeting which presented guest speaker Dr. H. T. McGarry lecturing on "Mal-practice." Certification Examination was given in the American Legion Hall to dental assistants from Boulder, Weld County and Denver Societies. Our best wishes for success, girls! Following luncheon on Tuesday, the ever-beautiful installation of new officers and the President's Address were the order of business. The social highlight of the meeting was the lovely Banquet served in the Green Room of the Antlers Hotel. The final day of the meeting brought the popular table clinics which included "Advanced Education for the Dental Assistant" as given by Lavonne Shank, "Telephone Technique" by Jo Ann Tebner, "The Assistant's Role in Hydrocolloid Impressions" by Velma Wright and Martha Fleetmeyer, "Dental Assistants—Are You Certified?" by Betty McCandless and Julia Marshall, "Lactobacillus Tests" by Cora Lee Andrews and Bernadine Holland and "Office Management" by Irene Vogelpohl. The convention closed with a Coffee Hour held in the Official Suite in honor of Elta Mae Selzer.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT *News from California*

The Oakland Dental Assistants Society honored its newly certified members with an impressive capping ceremony at the Oakland Junior College with Diana Alameda, Joan Berbera, Judy Beery, Alice Butler, Melissa Deal, Cecilia Luevano, Marilyn Morin, Francis Slabick, Judy Stevens, Sue Tucker, Shirley Yuill, Diane Warner, Leslie Bertrand, Barbara Mowbray and Sally Sedgley receiving their caps and certificates. Helene Christensen and Adelle Nelson were presented with their Certification Pins also. Dr. Briganti, guest speaker, brought his informative and amusing talk on "This is a Denture?" and illustrated his talk with slides showing dentures (?) and dentures (!). Joan Stralla presented an outstanding clinic entitled "A Dental Assistant's Role in Apicoectomy." The September meeting of this group was held in Peluco's Restaurant and presented Dr. Henry Patton with his fine lecture entitled "Plastic Surgery In and Around the Mouth." Dr. Patton illustrated his talk with slides on cleft palates, hair lips and other malformations of the mouth. Shirley Freitas gave a clinic on "The Reception Room" and illustrated her clinic with a clever model. It was announced that Helene Christensen would serve as delegate to the National Meeting in Atlantic City. This splendid report was received from Shirley Elgin, Reporter.

The Marian County Dental Assistants Society opened its fall program with a September meeting in the home of Winifred McMahon and Mrs. Frank Rossman, Dr. William Loran, Dr. John Jansheski, Coordinating Dentist, State Treasurer Mavis Bailey and ADAA General Secretary Elma Troutman. Dr. Loran presented a splendid clinic on the "Snyder Test," a method of determining the amount of acid in the mouth. It was announced that plans for an Extension Study Course were under way and all inquiries should be addressed to Florence Nestel. The October meeting of this group was held in the Red Cross Hall, San Rafael. Ruth McCarty presented a fine clinic entitled "Vacuum Investing of Inlays." The November meeting of this society will celebrate "Doctor's Night" with a dinner at Hamies Restaurant, San Rafael, when the doctors and their wives will be honored guests. Winifred McMahon is the reporter for this group and we thank her for this fine contribution.

THE DOMINION OF CANADA

Are you surprised? I take this opportunity, in my last issue, to pay tribute to a great lady, Marion Edwards, Editor of the Canadian "Bulletin," ADAA Honorary Member, founder of the Canadian Dental Nurses and Assistants Association and a wonderful person. She sent me a copy of her "Bulletin" and it was interesting to note the fine educational features,

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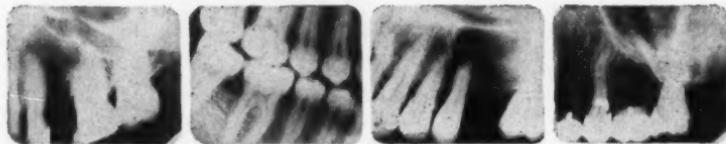
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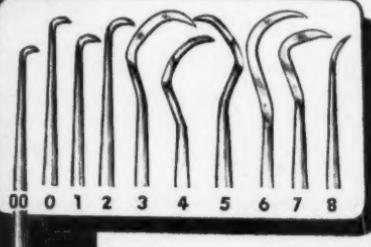
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clinics, etc., presented the Canadian membership at the recent Annual Meeting held at Banff Springs Hotel. I would call your attention to the fact that our Canadian sisters are working hard to establish their own Extension Study Courses and I am sure you would wish me to extend to them our warm good wishes and encouragement for success in their project. Adieu, Marion!

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